



New Jersey Governor Chris Christie campaigns for re-election during a stop in Bridgewater, N.J., Nov. 2, 2013. Christie is dominating the polls throughout the campaign, traveling on a state-wide bus tour that will take him to all 21 counties before Election Day.

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New York, New Jersey hopefuls embrace final weekend

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On a bright autumn day, the candidates for governor of New Jersey and mayor of New York City embraced the final days of their campaigns with rallies, bus tours and visits to diners, butcher shops - and the site of a planned garbage transfer station.

In New Jersey, the race for governor on its final weekend was as lopsided as it had started. Gov. Chris Christie, who has dominated the polls throughout the campaign, was travel-

ing the state on a bus tour that he promised would take him to all 21 counties before Election Day, and encountering crowds that treated him more like a celebrity than a politician.

And in New York City, the final weekend of campaigning capped an exhausting, and costly, political marathon, as a crowd of hopefuls vied to succeed the city's three-term mayor, Michael R. Bloomberg. All told, the mayoral candidates spent more than \$50 million on their campaigns, according to the city's

Campaign Finance Board. Christie and Bill de Blasio, the Democratic mayoral nominee, have little in common other than their seemingly improbable popularity, which has proved to be a huge obstacle for their lesser-known opponents, both of whom are hoping that voters will reconsider in the final days before Tuesday's voting. With a victory on Election Day, Christie, widely viewed as a leading contender for his party's presidential nomination in 2016, would advance his reputation as a Republican

with a track record of winning over coveted independent voters. De Blasio, ascending from political obscurity to the mayoralty of the nation's largest city, would instantly become one of the country's most prominent liberal officeholders. On Saturday, Christie stepped off his bus at the Bridgeway Diner in Old Bridge to a thick crowd chanting his name. As he walked inside, a pack of waitresses with cellphone cameras cheered, "Mr. President!"

Christie did nothing to dis-

suade them, posing for photographs, and then working his way along the booths. "Come on, Granny," the governor said, sliding into a booth next to an older woman and her family, as his wife, Mary Pat, snapped photos.

As Christie left out the back door, people still waiting to greet him at tables across the room shouted, "No!" and began running toward the front door to try to catch him before he got back on the bus.

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Experts: Nuclear power needed to slow warming

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Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Some of the world's top climate scientists say wind and solar energy won't be enough to head off extreme global warming, and they're asking environmentalists to support the development of safer nuclear power as one way to cut fossil fuel pollution.

Four scientists who have played a key role in alerting the public to the dangers of climate change sent letters Sunday to leading environmental groups and politicians around the world. The letter, an advance copy of which was given to The Associated Press, urges a crucial discussion on the role of nuclear power in fighting climate change.

Environmentalists agree

rising faster than ever, we cannot afford to turn away from any technology" that has the potential to reduce greenhouse gases.

The letter signers are James Hansen, a former top NASA scientist; Ken Caldeira, of the Carnegie Institution; Kerry Emanuel, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Tom Wigley, of the University of Adelaide in Australia.

Hansen began publishing research on the threat of global warming more than 30 years ago, and his testimony before Congress in 1988 helped launch a mainstream discussion. Last February he was arrested in front of the White House at a climate protest that included the head of the Sierra Club and other activists. Caldeira was a contributor to reports from

The vast majority of climate scientists say they're now virtually certain that pollution from fossil fuels has increased global temperatures over the last 60 years. They say emissions need to be sharply reduced to prevent more extreme damage in the future.

In 2011 worldwide carbon dioxide emissions jumped 3 percent, because of a large increase by China, the No. 1 carbon polluting country. The U.S. is No. 2 in carbon emissions.

Hansen, who's now at Columbia University, said it's not enough for environmentalists to simply oppose fossil fuels and promote renewable energy.

"They're cheating themselves if they keep believing this fiction that all we need" is renewable energy such as wind and solar,



Part of the containment vessel for a new nuclear reactor at the Plant Vogtle nuclear power plant is under construction in Augusta, Ga. Some of the world's top climate scientists say wind and solar energy will not be enough to head off extreme global warming, and they are asking environmentalists to support the development of safer nuclear power as one way to cut fossil fuel pollution.

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that global warming is a threat to ecosystems and humans, but many oppose nuclear power and believe that new forms of renewable energy will be able to power the world within the next few decades. That isn't realistic, the letter said.

"Those energy sources cannot scale up fast enough" to deliver the amount of cheap and reliable power the world needs, and "with the planet warming and carbon dioxide emissions

the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Emanuel is known for his research on possible links between climate change and hurricanes, and Wigley has also been doing climate research for more than 30 years.

Emanuel said the signers aren't opposed to renewable energy sources but want environmentalists to understand that "realistically, they cannot on their own solve the world's energy problems."

Hansen told the AP.

The joint letter says, "The time has come for those who take the threat of global warming seriously to embrace the development and deployment of safer nuclear power systems" as part of efforts to build a new global energy supply.

Stephen Ansolabehere, a Harvard professor who studies energy issues, said nuclear power is "very divisive" within the environmental movement. □



This combination of undated photos provided by Radio France International shows journalists Ghislaine Dupont, left, and Claude Verlon. French and Malian officials said gunmen in Kidal, northern Mali abducted and killed the two French radio journalists on assignment Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, grabbing the pair as they left the home of a rebel leader.

(AP Photo/RFI)

France: 2 Journalists killed in Mali were shot to death

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PARIS (AP) — Two veteran French journalists kidnapped and killed in northern Mali were shot to death, French authorities said Sunday, as questions emerged about how the gunmen managed to carry out the attack near a town where both French troops and U.N. forces are based.

The slayings of Ghislaine Dupont, 51, and Claude Verlon, 58, shocked France and underscored how insecure parts of northern Mali remain months after a French-led military intervention against al-Qaida and other extremists.

The new details, shared by French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius after a meeting of key ministers with French President Francois Hollande, failed to clarify who was behind the killings and why the pair was targeted. He said the two were shot multiple times and their bodies found near the vehicle that whisked them away.

Earlier, four Malian officials, including the head of the armed forces in Kidal said the journalists' throats had been slit.

Their bodies were flown to the Malian capital of Bamako on Sunday, and

were to be returned to France on Monday.

The Radio France Internationale journalists were kidnapped Saturday after interviewing a Tuareg rebel leader in Kidal.

The northern town is under de facto rebel control despite the presence of French and U.N. troops.

French troops, alerted to the kidnappings, set up checkpoints, sent out patrols and called in helicopters to search for the journalists, French military spokesman Col. Gilles Jaron said.

But a patrol arrived too late, finding the abandoned vehicle east of the town and the bodies nearby. The French troops, some 200 of whom are based at the Kidal airport, had earlier found no trace of the fleeing vehicle. Fabius said the bodies were found some 12 kilometers (8 miles) outside Kidal and "several meters" from the vehicle. RFI chief Marie-Christine Saragosse said they were found 80 meters (87 feet) from the kidnappers' vehicle.

The killings were "odious, abject and revolting," Fabius said. He said one journalist had been hit with three bullets, the other two — but that the car, whose doors were locked, showed no impact from bullets. □

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Christie's Democratic challenger, state Sen. Barbara Buono, spoke to supporters at a banquet hall in Paterson, N.J., where she was joined by New Jersey's new U.S. senator, Cory A. Booker, a Democrat. She devoted most of her time to criticizing Mr. Christie.

"The choice is that you stay home and you acquiesce and accept a governor whose economic policies enrich only the wealthy and cripple the middle class and the working poor," Buono said, "or you get out the vote."

At a campaign stop in Edison, N.J., she warned voters not to "confuse being likable with being on your side."

Polls taken heading into the campaign's final week showed how steep Buono's challenge was, even in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans by 700,000 among registered voters. The Stockton Polling Institute showed Christie leading by 24 points; a poll by Quinnipiac University had him leading by 33 points, with 35 percent of likely voters not knowing enough about Buono to form an opinion.

Buono has struggled against a campaign Catch-22: With little name recognition, she has had trouble raising money; with little money, she has had trouble gaining name recognition. She was getting help over the weekend from canvassers pushing in favor of a ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage, which voters will also be asked to decide Tuesday. Even Buono's supporters seemed to recognize Christie's advantage over Buono. "For her, it just looks mighty slim, but what can we do?" said Richard McColey, a retired laborer from Fords, N.J., who came to see Buono in Edison.

Christie, despite his strong standing in the polls, has spent heavily on his campaign and aired more than a dozen television commercials. He is hoping to build a wide margin of

victory so he can present himself to Republicans nationally as a presidential nominee who can win in places where the party has traditionally struggled.

In New York City, de Blasio, the city's public advocate, held a pair of rallies in Manhattan as he urged his supporters to encourage their friends to vote and not to be content with the polls showing him with a large lead. Even with a relatively light schedule for the final Saturday before the election, de Blasio was an hour late for his first rally, on the Upper West Side.

"I am not a morning person," he told reporters later, explaining that he had been awakened by a phone call at 5 a.m. and then had to rest for a few more hours. (The spokeswoman for de Blasio's Republican opponent, Joseph J. Lhota, posted on Twitter that he wakes up at 5:15 a.m. every day - even on weekends.)

At a rally for female supporters in Lower Manhattan that featured appearances by the actresses Cynthia Nixon and Susan Sarandon, de Blasio appeared relaxed and jocular. He pretended to be struck down by a thunderbolt when he accidentally referred to Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez as "Congressman."

And he teased his wife, Chirlane McCray, when she reminded him to thank Christine C. Quinn, the City Council speaker and one of de Blasio's opponents in the primary, for her support. "See, my conscience is on the case, telling me what I should say next," he said of his wife. Referring to a political strategist who recently died, he added, "One of my mentors, Bill Lynch, used to always say to us, 'Don't let the strings show,' so, Chirlane, remember that important advice." De Blasio encouraged his supporters to go without sleep in the final days of the campaign. "A combination of espresso and Red Bull will take you all the way through," he said, "and people will admire you for it." □



Joseph Lhota, the Republican candidate for New York City mayor campaigns in New York, Nov. 2, 2013. Lhota said he is confident he will prevail in next weeks election, believing he has wide support even among Democrats.

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Rallying for McAuliffe, Obama tears into tea party

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(AP) — President Barack Obama cast Republican Ken Cuccinelli on Sunday as part of an extreme tea party Republican faction that shut down the government, throwing the political weight of the White House

behind Democrat Terry McAuliffe in the final days of a bitter race for Virginia governor. National issues that have sorely divided Democrats and Republicans spilled into the race as Obama rallied for McAuliffe just outside Washington. As Obama tore into Cuccinelli as a compromise-averse ideologue, Cuccinelli was telling his supporters that Tuesday's election will be a referendum on Obama's unpopular health care law and McAuliffe's support for it. "This isn't a game," Obama told a crowd of 1,600 gathered in a high school gymnasium. "There are very real consequences when you operate ideologically, the way some of these folks do."

Democrats see Virginia as a bellwether for other competitive states and are eager for a win there to show their approach to governing is resonating with voters ahead of the 2014 midterm elections when control of Congress will be at stake. That's especially true when it comes to the recent fiscal crisis, in which House Republicans refused to approve government funding unless Obama agreed to debilitating changes to "Obamacare." Democrats emerged politically strengthened from the debacle and are looking to Virginia to see whether that advantage will translate into real gains in elections. Praising McAuliffe as a practical thinker whose commitment to equality runs deep, Obama told Virginians that a vote for McAuliffe would be a vote

for progress. He said Cuccinelli wanted Virginia voters to forget that Cuccinelli's intellectual counterparts in Congress just weeks earlier had taken the economy, the nation and the economy hostage, hurting Virginians in the process.

Even before Obama spoke, Cuccinelli was working to use the campaign stop to energize his own backers, many of whom disapprove of the president and detest his health care law. Portraying McAuliffe as a Washington insider, Cuccinelli told voters in Weyers Cave that a vote for McAuliffe was a vote in support of Obama's health care law. "No more Obamacare in Virginia. That's the message we can send," Cuccinelli said as he began a day that was taking him from airport to airport to rally supporters across the state.

"I think my opponent is running as head lobbyist to lobby for goodies from Washington," he said. "Let's keep Terry McAuliffe's D.C. politics on the other side of the Potomac."

Obama's pitch for McAuliffe constituted a last-minute push by the White House and prominent Democrats to close the deal in the race's final days. McAuliffe, the former Democratic National Committee chairman, has had help from former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Vice President Joe Biden was to do his part Monday, and first lady Michelle Obama lent her voice to radio ads backing McAuliffe. □



President Barack Obama gestures while speaking at a campaign event for Virginia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va. on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

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Gunman told police he acted alone in LAX shooting

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 23-year-old gunman charged in a deadly

said. Ciancia was sedated for medical reasons, the official said, adding that one gunshot to the mouth blew a molar out of the sus-

contained a handwritten letter signed by Ciancia stating he'd "made the conscious decision to try to kill" multiple TSA employ-

ees and that he wanted to "instill fear in their traitorous minds," Bowdich said.

Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said on CNN's State of the Union on Sunday that he had seen the note and said that what Ciancia "wanted to talk about was how easy it is to bring a gun into an airport and do something just like he did."

The attack underscores how difficult it is to protect travelers at a massive airport such as LAX, where the terminals are open and easily accessible to thousands of people who arrive via a broad ring road that fronts the facility and is designed to move people along quickly. □



John S. Pistole, Administrator of Transportation Security Administration speaks to the media in Porter Ranch, Calif. after meeting with Ana Hernandez, wife of Gerardo Hernandez, a victim of the LAX shooting.

(AP Photo/Ringo H.W. Chiu)

shooting at Los Angeles International Airport told authorities at the scene that he acted alone and had been dropped off at the airport by a friend, a law enforcement official who has been briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Authorities do not believe the friend knew that Paul Ciancia, the man charged in the attack, planned to open fire inside LAX's Terminal 3 just moments later, killing one Transportation Security Administration officer and wounding three other people, including two more TSA workers, said the official, who is not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation and requested anonymity. Ciancia was dropped off in a black Hyundai and was not a ticketed passenger. He was able to respond to investigators' questions at the scene Friday, the source said.

Ciancia, an unemployed motorcycle mechanic who grew up in the small, working-class town of Pennsville, New Jersey, was shot four times and was under 24-hour armed guard at the hospital, the official

spect's jaw Federal prosecutors charged Ciancia on Saturday with murder of a federal officer and committing violence at an international airport. The charges could qualify him for the death penalty.

In court documents and interviews, authorities spelled out a chilling chain of events, saying Ciancia walked into the airport, pulled a .223-caliber assault rifle from his duffel bag and fired repeatedly at point-blank range at 39-year-old TSA officer Gerardo I. Hernandez, killing him.

He then fired on at least two other uniformed TSA employees and an airline passenger, who all were wounded, before airport police shot him as panicked passengers cowered in stores and restaurants, authorities said.

It wasn't clear why Ciancia targeted TSA officers, but what he left behind made it clear he intended to kill any of them that crossed his path, FBI Agent in Charge David L. Bowdich said.

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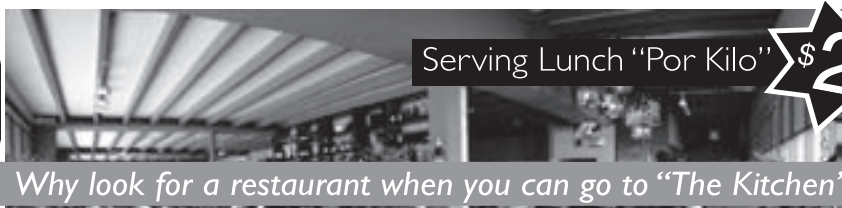
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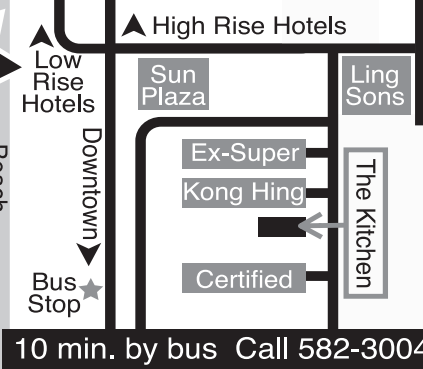


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White House, lawmakers: no clemency for Snowden

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AP Intelligence Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House and the leaders of the intelligence committees in Congress are rejecting National Security Agency-contractor Edward Snowden's plea for clemency.
"Mr. Snowden violated U.S. law," White House adviser Dan Pfeiffer said Sunday about the former systems-analyst-turned-fugitive who has temporary asylum in Russia.
"He should return to the U.S. and face justice," Pfeiffer said, adding when pressed that no offers for clemency were being discussed. Snowden made the plea in a letter given to a German politician and released Friday. In his one-page typed letter, he asks for clemency

for charges over allegedly leaking classified information about the NSA to the news media. "'Speaking the truth is not a crime,' Snowden wrote. Snowden's revelations, in-

cluding allegations that the U.S. has eavesdropped on allies including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, have led to calls by allies to cease such spying, and moves by Congress to

overhaul U.S. surveillance laws and curb the agency's powers.

But the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee said if Snowden had been a true whistle-blower, he could have reported it to her committee privately.

"That didn't happen, and now he's done this enormous disservice to our country," said Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein. "I think the answer is no clemency."

"He needs to come back and own up," said Rogers, a Republican. "If he believes there's vulnerabilities in the systems he'd like to disclose, you don't do it by committing a crime that actually puts soldiers' lives at risk in places like Afghanistan."

Rogers contended that Snowden's revelations had caused three terrorist organizations to change how they communicate.

Both lawmakers addressed word that President Barack Obama did not realize Merkel's personal phone was being tapped.

Rogers implied that he didn't believe the president, or European leaders who claimed they were shocked by Snowden's allegations.

"I think there's going to be some best actor awards coming out of the White House this year and best supporting actor awards coming out of the European Union," he said "Some notion that ... some people just didn't have an understanding about how we collect information to protect the United States to me is wrong."

Feinstein said she didn't know what the president knew, but said she intended to conduct a review of all intelligence programs to see if they were going too far. □



Former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden looks over his shoulder during a boat trip on the Moscow River in Moscow, with the Christ the Savior Cathedral in the background.

(AP Photo)

BART unions ratify contract agreements

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press
OAKLAND, California (AP) — A second Bay Area Rapid Transit labor union has ratified the contract agreement that brought to an end a bitter labor dispute that led to two San Francisco area transportation strikes, officials said Saturday.

BART said the company had reached agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555, whose members voted to approve the four-year deal.

ATU president Antonette Bryant said members ratified the contract by a "significant margin" but would not provide specific numbers.

The other union, Service Employees International Union Local 1021, announced late Friday that its members had approved the contract, with 88-percent voting for it.

"The Bay Area and our riders will benefit from these contracts because BART will be able to move forward with the replacement of our aging fleet of train cars and the needed upgrades to meet demand," BART general manager Grace Crunican, said in a statement.

The agreement includes a 15 percent raise and safer working conditions.

The deal also requires BART workers to pay into their pensions for the first time and increases their monthly health care contributions from about \$92 to \$129.

The unions represent train operators, station agents, custodians and maintenance and clerical workers. □



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US Financial Front:

Changes in labor force mask improvement in jobs situation

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The unemployment rate has fallen by nearly three percentage points since the Great Recession was at its worst four years ago.

at a 35-year low.

That rate has been cited by some politicians, who argue that the economy remains in the doldrums. The fall in the unemployment rate, said a release by Re-

last few years, the labor force has changed in important ways because of demographics.

The statistics do not show a strong recovery by any means, but they do indi-

whether the person is 18, 48, or 98. But, of course, a 48-year-old is more likely to be working than a 68-year-old, regardless of the economy.

The makeup of the working age population has changed substantially in only a few years. When the recession began at the end of 2007, 54 percent of the people considered to be working age were in the prime working age range of 25 to 54. Now, the figure is 51 percent. The proportion over 55 went to 34 percent, from 30 percent. With an ever greater number of people at or over traditional retirement age, it should be no surprise that fewer are working.

To adjust for that, I calculated the proportion of men and women in various age groups who were working or were in the labor force during past years, and assumed that the population then was similar in demographic characteristics to the current population. Thus, any changes reflect changes in the economy, not demographic changes.

The result is a much more rapid rise in the proportion of people with jobs than is

apparent in the unadjusted statistics. The labor force participation rate is still lower than it was in recent years, but it is higher than it was in the 1990s, when the economy was recovering from the recession that began early in that decade. The labor force participation ratio for people over 55 rose throughout the downturn, while that for people in their prime working years fell, although not as rapidly as for younger people ages 16 to 24.

One thing that stands out is that the adjusted employment-to-population ratio rose in 2006 to a level that was higher than it had ever been, at least going back to 1948. That was higher than in 2000, the previous peak, and well above the level reached in 1989, which in the unadjusted figures appeared to be comparable.

Had that been well understood at the time, it might have been clearer that the economy was overheating in the mid-2000s, and perhaps the Federal Reserve would have been more willing to take steps to limit the financial excesses that culminated in the financial crisis. □



Registered nurse Salanda Bowman talks with Wesleyan College student Jason Ward about job openings at the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital during a Regional Career and Job Fair in the Owensboro Sports Center in Owensboro, Ky.

(AP Photo/Gary Emord-Netzley)

But another indicator of the labor market has shown no improvement at all. That is the labor force participation rate - the percentage of working-age Americans who are either working or looking for jobs. The latest report showed it

publican members of the Joint Economic Committee this summer, "is largely a mirage, driven by declining labor force participation." The actual employment picture, however, may be better than those statistics would indicate. Over the

cate that the overall employment situation has improved.

The labor force and employment-to-population statistics treat everyone in the country over the age of 16 as part of the population that could be working,

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Kerry says sees signs Egypt is on path to democracy

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CAIRO - In the highest-level U.S. visit since the Egyptian military removed President Mohammed Morsi from power, Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that Egypt appeared to be on a path toward democracy and emphasized that the Obama administration wanted to improve relations.

Delivering a generally reassuring message, Kerry noted that Egypt had faced "difficult challenges" and indicated that additional steps needed to be taken to establish an inclusive, civilian-led government.

In a joint news conference with his Egyptian counterpart, however, Kerry accented the positive despite recent tensions between the countries and the Obama administration's temporary freeze on military assistance to Egypt.

"Thus far, there are indications that that is what they are intending to do," he said, referring to the Egyptian military leadership.

"The road map is being carried out to the best of our perception," Kerry added, referring to the plan by Egyptian authorities to conduct a national referendum on an amended constitution and then hold parliamentary and president elections by spring 2014.

"There are questions we have here and there," Kerry

said. "I think it is important for all of us, until proven otherwise, to accept that this is the track that Egypt is on and to work to help it to be able to achieve that." Kerry's visit, which is part of an eight-nation trip, came one day before Morsi, who

ticated arms to signal its concern over the Egyptian military's crackdown on dissenters and its tarnished record on human rights. In a visit here lasting several hours, Kerry met with Nabil Fahmy, Egypt's foreign minister, and Adly Mansour, the

nity for civic society leaders to express concerns about the Egyptian government, and perhaps U.S. policy. A list of the Egyptians invited to the session was not provided to reporters. Kerry's final meeting was with Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-

They have also complained that the U.S. has shown favoritism toward Morsi and his supporters by criticizing the military government's crackdown on Islamists.

The Obama administration has refrained from categorizing the military's toppling of Morsi as a coup, which would trigger a cutoff of its annual assistance package of \$1.5 billion. But U.S. officials have been critical of the military's brutal crackdown on demonstrators and the detention of Morsi supporters.

To signal its concern, the White House in October suspended the delivery of major weapons systems, including Apache helicopters, F-16 fighter jets, Harpoon anti-ship missiles and parts for M-1 tanks, and withheld about \$260 million in support for the Egyptian budget.

At the same time, however, the U.S. has maintained support for Egypt for counter-terrorism programs, including the military's efforts to secure Sinai, which has become a sanctuary for militants.

Other untouched assistance included programs to educate Egyptian military officials in the U.S.; the shipment of spare parts for many of the weapons in the Egyptian military's inventory; and aid for health care, education and the promotion of businesses in Egypt. □



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, meets with Gen. Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, right, in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013. Kerry is in Cairo pressing for reforms during the highest-level American visit to Egypt since the ouster of the country's first democratically elected president. The Egyptian military's removal of Mohammed Morsi in July led the U.S. to suspend hundreds of millions of dollars in aid. This is the first stop in an 11-day trip that will take Kerry to the Mideast and Europe.

(AP Photo/Jason Reed, Pool)

has been held incommunicado since he was ousted in July, was to be put on trial on murder charges. Kerry is also the first senior U.S. official to visit since the Obama administration decided last month to withhold the delivery of sophis-

interim president. The secretary of state also spoke with human rights advocates and representatives from religious, labor and youth organizations. That meeting, which was not open to the news media, provided an opportu-

Sissi, the minister of defense who spearheaded the ouster of Morsi. Since the military takeover, Egypt's generals have appeared to be immune to U.S. pressure and indifferent to Kerry's seeming endorsement of their motivations.



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Syrian official: Foreign jihadis said responsible for polio

ALBERT AJI

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A Syrian government minister said Sunday that foreign

elaborate on the claim. Pakistan is one of three countries where polio remains endemic.

Al-Shammat said the gov-

up arms to fight a government crackdown on dissent. Over the past year, the fighting took on sectarian overtones with pre-

dominantly Sunni Muslim rebels fighting Assad's regime that is dominated by Alawites, an offshoot Shiite group. Thousands of foreign fighters have joined Sunni rebels in the battle against Assad, while the regime troops have been backed up by fighters from Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group in the past months. The fighting has triggered a humanitarian crisis on a massive scale, driving nearly 7 million people from their homes and destroying a country that once offered subsidized health care, including immunizations.

Nearly all Syrian children were vaccinated against polio before the conflict began more than 2 1/2 years ago. The polio virus, a

highly contagious disease, usually infects children in unsanitary conditions through the consumption of food or liquid contaminated with feces. It attacks the nerves and can kill or paralyze, and can spread widely and unnoticed before it starts crippling children. The disease was last reported in Syria in 1999.

Also Sunday, the leader of the main Western-backed opposition group, the Syrian National Coalition, called on aid and medical supplies to be allowed into blockaded parts of the embattled country, particularly where contagious diseases were spreading. He said it would serve as a confidence-building measure between Syria's warring parties. □



A health worker administers polio vaccine to a child as part of a UNICEF-supported vaccination campaign at the Abou Dhar Al Ghifari Primary Health Care Center in Damascus, Syria.

(AP Photo/UNICEF, Omar Sanadiki)

fighters who have come to the country to wage jihad are responsible for the outbreak of polio in the rebel-controlled north.

Last week, the United Nations health agency confirmed 10 polio cases in northeast Syria, the first confirmed outbreak of the disease in the country in 14 years, raising a risk of it spreading across the region. The confirmed cases are among babies and toddlers, all under 2, who were "under-immunized," according to the World Health Organization. The agency is awaiting lab results on another 12 cases showing polio symptoms. Minister of Social Affairs Kin-dah al-Shammat told The Associated Press on Sunday that jihadis from Pakistan were to blame.

"The virus originates in Pakistan and has been brought to Syria by the jihadists who come from Pakistan" the minister said. She offered no evidence and did not

ernment has launched an immunization campaign to "protect all children in Syria." She did not say if and how the vaccination campaign will proceed in the northern areas along the border with Turkey. That area has been under opposition control since the rebels captured large swaths of land and whole neighborhoods of Aleppo, Syria's largest city, from the regime over the past year. Syrian government officials have blamed terrorists and Islamic militants for the civil war that has killed more than 120,000 people, according to activists. The U.N. said in July that 100,000 Syrians have been killed in the conflict, and has not updated that figure since.

The conflict began as a largely peaceful uprising against President Bashar Assad's rule in March 2011. It gradually became an armed conflict after some opposition supporters took

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Indians mark Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights

ASHOK SHARMA
Associated Press
NEW DELHI (AP) — Millions of Indians were setting off deafening fireworks displays Sunday to light up

People across India also handed out sweets, exchanged greetings with friends and relatives, and adorned their homes with glowing lanterns and oil home of the Hindu god Rama from a 14-year exile after killing the demon Ravana, who had abducted his wife, Sita, according to the ancient Hindu epic Ra-

expected to leave a dark, smoggy cloud lingering for days — a matter of concern for environmentalists. Mindful of the pollution and the dangers of the deafening displays, authorities pushed this year to cut down on the number of fireworks, and some schools sent notices home urging parents not to buy any. The state-run Central Pollution Control Board said it would be monitoring the air quality and noise levels Sunday night at a dozen locations in New Delhi, India's capital. S.K. Tyagi, a senior scientist at the pollution control board, said the noise level at last year's Diwali festival was down from 2011, due mainly to the use of less noisy fireworks. India's economic downturn appears to have impacted this year's celebrations. At a wholesale market in

New Delhi, shopkeeper Mahesh Chand Sagar said the sputtering economy was affecting sales. "Fulfilling one's basic needs has become a problem nowadays," said Sagar, 40, who has been selling candles, garlands and other decorations for the past 10 years. "If people can't afford basic necessities, how will they buy decorative items?" People typically buy gold during Diwali, including jewelry, coins and small statues of the elephant-headed Hindu god Ganesha. But the government has imposed a steep new tax on gold imports, making the already high prices far out of reach for many Indians. Diwali also is celebrated by Hindus in other parts of the world, including Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal and Malaysia.



Indian widows light lamps as they celebrate Diwali or the festival of lights at an Ashram in Vrindavan, India.

(AP Photo/Rajesh Kumar Singh)

the sky for Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, which celebrates the triumph of good over evil.

lamps as they celebrated the country's most important festival of the year. Diwali marks the return

mayana. A near-constant stream of fireworks and firecrackers lasting until midnight is

Egypt: Morsi trial venue changed

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press
CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian authorities on Sunday moved the trial of the ousted Islamist president to a new location at another end of the capital, a move apparently aimed at thwarting mass rallies planned by the Muslim Brotherhood in his support when it opens on Monday. Facing charges of incitement of violence with 14 others in connection to clashes last December, Mohammed Morsi has been held at an undisclosed location since his July 3 overthrow by the military. The trial will be his first public appearance since then, possibly enflaming an already tense political atmosphere as animosity between Morsi's Islamist

supporters and Egypt's security establishment steadily deepens. "For (the Islamists) it will be like taking revenge on the police and the military," said lawyer Khaled Abu-Bakr, representing three victims of the December clashes. "I really hope that no blood is spilled tomorrow," he added. The change of the venue was announced at a tumultuous news conference by appeals court judge Medhat Idris, who threw his statement in the air and stormed out of the room when Morsi supporters shouted in protest at the change. He later told The Associated Press by telephone that the trial will not be aired live. □

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Iranian leader warns against undermining negotiators

NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's Supreme Leader warned Sunday against undermining negotiators engaged in talks with the West, a message directed apparently at hard-liners who have criticized Iran's diplomacy over its nuclear program.

The remarks by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei were his latest show of support for President Hassan Rouhani's policy of outreach to the West. They come ahead of a new round of talks scheduled for Thursday in Geneva. Diplomats "are on a difficult mission and nobody should weaken those who are on assignment," the official IRNA news agency quoted Khamenei, who has final say on all matters of state, as telling a group of students. "Nobody should consider our negotiators as compromise-seekers," Khamenei said. Iranian officials maintain that the country will not concede what it considers to be its fundamental right to nuclear activity.

Hard-liners have accused diplomats of being overly optimistic and keeping details of the talk's secret. Khamenei said the nuclear talks with world powers, five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany, will be limited to the nuclear issue. Hard-liners have also criticized Rouhani for pursuing broader rapprochement, and took particular exception to a short September phone call between him and President Barack Obama aimed at ending over three decades of estrangement between the countries. □

Militant's death brings little joy in Pakistan



Pakistani men sit on a roadside on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistan. The Pakistani Taliban confirmed the death of their leader, Hakimullah Mehsud, in a U.S. drone strike.

(AP Photo/Muhammed Muheisen)

REBECCA SANTANA

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Pakistani Taliban leader killed in a recent U.S. drone strike was behind hotel bombings, assaults on political rallies, beheadings of policemen and suicide attacks on soldiers. But his death elicited little joy in the country where he wreaked most of his havoc and instead stirred widespread anger and suspicion.

At the time of Friday's strike targeting Hakimullah Mehsud, the Pakistani government was engaged in efforts to negotiate a peace deal with militants. Frustrated at years of military campaigns that have failed to end the bloodshed, many Pakistanis had high hopes for this latest peace effort and blame the U.S. for fouling it up.

Mehsud "should have been given the chance to negotiate, and now the consequences have to be borne by Pakistan, not the U.S.," said Syed Ahmed, a small business owner in the southern port city of Karachi.

Also contributing to the anger are fears of a bloody backlash, plus a web of

complex conspiracy theories, including the idea that militants such as Mehsud are American or Indian pawns intent on weakening Pakistan.

For years, Pakistan has

been fighting militants in the tribal areas that border neighboring Afghanistan, with thousands of civilians and security forces dying in bombings and shootings at the hands of militants.

Mehsud, who had a reputation as an especially ruthless warrior, was the leader of the Pakistani Taliban, or the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, as it calls itself. The TTP is an umbrella group encompassing militant organizations across the tribal areas. It has called for the overthrow of the Pakistani government, the implementation of hard-line Islamic law and an end to cooperation with the Americans in Afghanistan. In many ways, people across Pakistan are echoing what they are hearing

from politicians and top government officials. During a news conference Saturday, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan lashed out repeatedly at the U.S., which he said was trying to scuttle peace talks. Imran Khan, the former cricket star who now leads a key opposition party, threatened to close NATO supply lines in retaliation for the drone attack. The U.S. and Pakistan are wary allies in the war against militancy. Suspicion in Pakistan against America runs deep, fueled by a perception that Pakistan's militancy problems were foisted on it by the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, which pushed militants into the tribal areas of northwestern Pakistan. □

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Cuba:

Private cinemas, game salons targeted in crackdown

ANNE-MARIE GARCIA
 Associated Press
 HAVANA (AP) — Cuban authorities are bringing down the curtain at the privately run cinemas and video game salons that have mushroomed on the island recently, saying Saturday that the businesses are unauthorized and proprietors must halt such entertainment immediately. The movie and video parlors have been operating in a legal gray area often under licenses for independent restaurants, offering basic food and refreshments even though the entertainment is the main draw. They are not mentioned on the list of nearly 200 areas of independent enterprise authorized under limited economic changes begun by Raul Castro, but until now they were not explicitly prohibited either. An announcement published in Communist Party newspaper Granma said the show is over.

"Cinematic exhibition (including 3D rooms) and computer games will cease immediately in whatever

kind of private business activity," said the message from the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers.

Many private cinema operators spent thousands of dollars to launch their businesses, which range from modest to flashy and offer

the latest Hollywood blockbusters and fast-paced video games.

"Economically, this really hurts us. This (business) was a relief for the family," said Orlando Suarez, speaking in front of a marquee listing Saturday's entertainment program at his San Rafael

3D cinema in central Havana. "We don't understand why they didn't give us a window of time instead of taking this stance of 'close down now.'"

Private theaters have become increasingly popular as an alternative to poorly maintained state-run cin-

emas, which tend to show more staid, high-brow fare, and moviegoers were also dismayed at the news.

"It's a lack of respect. What are we going to do now?" said Lionny Gonzalez, a 15-year-old high school student. "Now the only thing left for us is to go to a disco. There's nothing else."

"Young people need these salons," said Rafael Gonzalez, a 53-year-old father of five. "They spend time there instead of being on the streets."

Recently the Communist Party youth newspaper Juventud Rebelde published a lengthy article quoting Vice Minister of Culture Fernando Rojas as saying the video salons promote "frivolity, mediocrity, pseudo culture and banality," raising fears of a crackdown. Cuba also recently announced a ban on private commercialization of imported goods, and Saturday's message said small business owners who have been selling products brought from overseas will have until Dec. 31 to liquidate their inventories. □



People wait to see a movie at a private movie theater called "3D Mania" in Havana, Cuba. Cuban authorities are bringing down the curtain at the privately run cinemas and video game salons that have mushroomed on the island recently, saying over the weekend that the businesses are unauthorized and proprietors must halt such entertainment immediately.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

Nigeria official: Gunmen kill 30 in wedding convoy

IBRAHIM ABDULAZIZ
 Associated Press
 YOLA, Nigeria (AP) — Suspected Islamic militants attacked a wedding convoy in northeast Nigeria and killed more than 30 people including the groom, a state government spokesman said Sunday. Military spokesman Lt. Col. Muhammed Dole said only five people were killed in Saturday's attack on the highway between Gama and Gwoza towns in Borno state. That road runs alongside forests that are

a known hideout of Islamic militants of the Boko Haram terrorist network.

But a minibs taxi driver said he passed many bodies on the road near Firgi village, where the wedding ceremony took place Saturday. "We saw a lot of dead bodies killed by gunshots and some by the roadside that appeared to have been slaughtered" with their throats slit, the driver, who asked to be identified only as Shaibu, told reporters Sunday in Maiduguri,

the capital of Borno state. Shaibu said his terrified passengers wanted to turn back, but "I took the risk ... and said God is in control." Adamawa state spokesman Ahmad Sajoh said the wedding fatiha, the official Muslim ceremony, had taken place in Firgi village in neighboring Borno state and the groom and guests were driving home to Adamawa when they were attacked.

Last week, suspected extremists attacked a military checkpoint in the same

area and witnesses said they killed at least four security force members and made off with army vehicles, weapons and ammunition.

Attacks continue in northeast Nigeria more than five months after the government declared a state of emergency and flooded three states that cover one-sixth of the country with troops and police officers.

They have driven the insurgents from major towns

and attacked bush camps aerial bombardments and ground assaults. Hundreds of combatants and civilians, mainly Muslims, have died in recent weeks.

The uprising aimed at installing an Islamic state poses the greatest threat in decades to the cohesion of Nigeria, which is Africa's biggest oil producer and most populous nation of more than 160 million people divided almost equally between the mainly Muslim north and predominantly Christian south. □



A Year To Remember For Team Aruba

ORANJESTAD - From start to finish the 2013 season gave reason to celebrate for the Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Extreme Pro Stock Team. The team entered their sixth professional racing season with renewed vigor and energy. And it showed. They began the year with a semi-final finish at the ADRL season opener in Rockingham, N.C. They built upon that at the next event, the Georgia Drags, scoring their first ever number one qualifying position. Unfortunately, that race would be cancelled due to weather, but Team Aruba continued on undeterred. They earned their chance to defend their number one spot by going to the top once again at the Spring Drags. With weather cooperation this time, Team Aruba was determined to defend the number one, and that's exactly what they did. Round by round, they took out a host of heavy hitters en route to their first Extreme Pro Stock victory. With this incredible season, the underdog team from Aruba was on a path of total domination, taking an early points lead.

"For us all the stars lined up at Cordova [Illinois]," relayed driver Trevor Eman. "Not only did we capture our first victory, but we were able to do it with friends and family watching. It's not often that our friends and family get to come to the events, but we had many supporting us at the Spring Drags, including Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman. That they were there for our first win - things just couldn't have gone any better. "We'll always remember that moment of victory and those that helped us get there. I'll always be able to say that Aruba

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"Aruba Tourism and our Aruba community have also been a huge support this year. I still have people coming up and congratulating me on our win - people I don't even know! The amount of followers we have on social media and through the ADRL Live Feed is astounding. It really makes a difference to have that support from Aruba.com and our Aruba fans, as well as our fans in the states!

"We also really appreciate Claret Lopez of 'Time Out' and Jeff Lopez and Norbert Dirksz of Ingenuity Creative Marketing," continued



Eman. "All of them have traveled with us to many of the races throughout the year to take care of all our media coverage. Claret is the host of his television program called 'Time Out'. We are regular guests on his show here in Aruba where we recap each event when we arrive back in Aruba.

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Like, Share, Win, with Amazonia Churrascaria

PALM BEACH - In anticipation of the holiday season, Amazonia Churrascaria conducted a Like, Share, Win contest on Facebook which helped spread the word that the Holiday Season is just around the corner and that the restaurant's Christmas Package including the amazing meat selection, salad bar, side dishes and dessert is now offered at Awg 65.00 per person! The contest yielded a winner, seen here in the picture with chef Victor Olivares. The gift certificate for dinner at Ama-



zonía Churrascaria won in the restaurant's Facebook

campaign, was awarded by Julie, the marketing

coordinator, who reports that for sushi lovers, Sushi Chef Harold makes the best sushi on the island, and diners are invited to enjoy both their sushi and their beef, under just one roof, as one of the Island's most unique dining experience can now be found at Amazonia Churrascaria at SushiSamba, offering the Art of Sushi, with a menu filled with top grade fresh catch, prepared by an expertly trained master chef, in plain view of diners. Visit any evening, seven day a week. □



The Takeover Group Enjoys Aruba and the Divi Phoenix Resort



PALM BEACH - The Takeover Group was true to its name in Aruba and took over the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort with nonstop activities and fun events. The program, tailored to

the likes of the hip and happening group-members included morning power-walks, water aerobics, zumba instruction, organized activities in the fitness center, the Spa and

an action-packed beach volleyball tournament, during the day. Group leader La Chanda Jenkins set up the program with the help of Divi's creative banquet department

and orchestrated diverse and entertaining evening events as well, such as a welcome cocktail at Pure Beach, and a late night bar crawl culminating at Fusion Tapas, Fine Wine, Piano & Cigar bar, at the Alhambra Shops.

Also, the group partied Aruba-style with a Carnival Beach Bash at Pure

Ocean, and to conclude their much-enjoyed Aruba experience by participating in an evening comedy show, after watching football games on TV, in the afternoon.

We need a post-vacation vacation, they all agreed upon checkout, having enjoyed their Aruba Divi stay to the fullest. □

Jen Porter performing at The Sopranos Piano Bar!



go, Jen was singing before she could walk and began playing piano at the age of 5. She spent the next 14 years being classically trained. During college, she learned guitar. Soon after obtaining her bachelor's degree in 1996 from the University of Michigan, Jen realized that she wanted to perform. She worked with several bands, singing lead and harmonies, and playing piano and guitar in many venues around southeastern Michigan for close to five years.

Jen's powerful voice is attracting more attention than ever before. She has played many venues around Chicago, including The Cubby Bear, House Of Blues Hotel and Hard Rock Café. Her style is expansive and universal — and you can't help but love her powerhouse voice and smooth piano.

Jen performs a repertoire drawing on such diverse songbooks as those of Stevie Nicks, Aretha Franklin, Alanis Morissette, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and Queen — as well as her own original compositions. Don't miss this performance force, as she continues on her unique path to wow audiences everywhere. □

PALM BEACH - Chicago piano bar entertainer Jen Porter has returned to Aruba to perform through the end of November at The Sopranos Piano Bar at Arawak Gardens, J.E. Irausquin 368.

With music that flows from one song to the next, from style to style, Jen Porter has the ability to captivate any audience. Critics say her voice is "soulfully raucous" and that she is "without a doubt an artist to keep your eye on." She is compared to Sheryl Crow, Stevie Nicks and Janis Joplin in the same breath. With a voice that reaches out and grabs you, and a piano style that's captivating and melodic, her performance is always memorable.

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only \$15 or a delicious Red Snapper for \$20, you wish it was Monday every day! Bugaloe is known for fun and craziness, so it was only logical Chef Marc Hernandez likes to go wild when it comes to his cooking. Caught in the morning, served at night is the true Bugaloe way, maybe this explains its popularity from the start. Crazy Fish Monday is served from 5.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is open daily from 9 a.m. till midnight. Start your day of right

with a delicious cappuccino, or walk in to enjoy a casual lunch in between sunbathing. A few nights a week Bugaloe is host to some of the best live bands of Aruba, while you are savoring dinner and enjoying the beautiful Aruba Sunset! Don't forget to make one hour in the day even happier at Bugaloe's daily Happy Hour from 5 till 6 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, just follow your hips to the music and the fun and smiles saluting you! ☐



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Chiefs stay perfect with 23-13 win over Bills

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, New York (AP) — Sean Smith returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown and Tamba Hali scored on an 11-yard fumble return in the Kansas City Chiefs' 23-13 win over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

The defense made up for a sputtering offense that managed just 210 yards, and for its own deficiencies. The Chiefs gave up a season-worst 470 yards to a Bills (3-6) offense that was led by undrafted rookie Jeff Tuel, making his first career start. Tuel finished 18 of 39 for 229 yards passing, including a 59-yard touchdown to Marquise Goodwin. Tuel, however, threw two interceptions that led to 10 points for the Chiefs. Kansas City (9-0) remained the NFL's only undefeated team and matched the best start in franchise history set in 2003.



Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Sean Smith (27) intercepts a pass intended for Buffalo Bills wide receiver T.J. Graham (11) who is tackled by Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Marcus Cooper (31) in the endzone and returns it for a touchdown during the third quarter of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

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Associated Press



Jockey Mike Smith removes his helmet after Mizdirection won the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint horse race at Santa Anita Park Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, in Arcadia, Calif.

Associated Press

Mike Smith wins second straight Bill Shoemaker award

ARCADIA, California (AP)

— Mike Smith won his second straight Bill Shoemaker award as the top jockey of the Breeders' Cup.

He won the Marathon and Juvenile Turf on Friday and the Turf Sprint on Saturday, extending his record for most Cup wins by a jockey to 20. Smith also had second-, third- and fourth-place finishes in the two-day championships at Santa Anita.

The 48-year-old rider won with 37 points, four more

than 50-year-old Gary Stevens, based on a scoring system that awards points for first through fourth-place finishes in the 14 Cup races. "Winning it a second time means much more to me because it's so much harder to do," Smith said of the honor that began in 2003 and is named for the late Hall of Fame jockey. "As small as he was, he was a giant of a man on horseback and off."

Stevens swept the Distaff and Classic races, and had

two seconds and a third in his other races. He began a comeback in January after seven years in retirement. The season-ending championships drew a two-day crowd total of 94,628, up from last year's total of 89,742. Santa Anita is in the middle of a three-year run as the host site.

The two-day wagering total on the 14 Cup races was \$160,704,877, an 11 percent increase over the \$144,272,332 total for the 2012 event. □



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Mutai, Jeptoo of Kenya win titles at NYC Marathon



Geoffrey Mutai of Kenya wins the men's division of the New York City Marathon, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, in New York. New York City Police Chief Ray Kelly holds the tape, at right.

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RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City Marathon returned after a one-year absence with big crowds, heightened security and a familiar champion.

Geoffrey Mutai successfully defended his title Sunday, while fellow Kenyan Priscah Jeptoo came from behind to win the women's race. Bronx resident Buzunesh Deba finished runner-up for the second straight time in her hometown event.

Fans again packed the 26.2-mile course, undaunted by the events of the past year. The 2012 NYC Marathon was canceled because of the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, but not before many New Yorkers were enraged by initial plans to hold the race.

After the bombings at April's Boston Marathon, bomb-sniffing dogs roamed the course, and barricades limited access points to Central Park. A re-

cord 50,740 runners started the race through the five boroughs.

Mutai pulled away around Mile 22 and beat Ethiopia's Tsegaye Kebede by 52 seconds. On a windy morning, Mutai's time of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 24 seconds was well off his course record of 2:05:06 set in nearly perfect conditions two years ago. He's the first man to repeat in New York since Kenya's John Kagwe in 1997-98.

Kebede, the London Marathon champ, clinched the \$500,000 bonus for the World Marathon Majors title. South Africa's Lusapho April was third.

Jeptoo trailed Deba by nearly 3½ minutes at the halfway point.

But she started making her move as the race entered Manhattan and passed the Ethiopian with just over 2 miles to go.

Jeptoo, the 2012 Olympic silver medalist and 2013 London Marathon Champ, won in 2:25:07 to clinch the \$500,000 World Marathon

Majors bonus.

The women's race played out almost identically to the last NYC Marathon two years ago. But this time, Deba was the pursued, not the pursuer.

In 2011, Mary Keitany pulled away to a big early lead, and Deba and countrywomen Firehiwot Dado chased her down. Dado, who won that day, was 14th Sunday as the defending champ.

This time, Deba and training partner Tigist Tufa separated themselves right from

the start. Deba wound up finishing 48 seconds behind Jeptoo, while Tufa fell back to eighth.

Jelena Prokopcuka of Latvia, the 2005-06 New York champ, placed third at age 37.

Security was tight from the moment the runners arrived on Staten Island. They were corralled into long bag-check lines, and officers and volunteers repeatedly reminded them to keep cellphones out.

"Security is 100 percent tougher than what I've

seen at other races," said Chris Patterson of Rochester, N.Y., who was signed up for New York last year and ran Boston in April.

Elizabeth Hutchinson of Seattle recalled the joy at the starting line in Boston this year. People were handing out sunscreen, Band-Aids and energy gels with a smile.

On Staten Island, she said, "the machine guns are very visible."

"The atmosphere is so different," she said, "It kind of makes me sad." □

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The Chiefs held an opponent to 17 points or fewer for the ninth straight time — matching the NFL record set by the Atlanta Falcons in 1977.

JETS 26, SAINTS 20

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Nick Folk remained perfect this season by kicking four field goals, Rex Ryan's defense held Drew Brees and the high-scoring Saints to six points in the second half, and New York had seven plays of at least 19 yards in an upset of New Orleans.

Ryan is now 7-3 against his brother, Rob, and the Jets (5-4) maintained their string of alternating wins and losses. They tied the 2005 New England Patriots for the longest such string to begin a season, according to STATS.

Folk is 23 for 23 on field goals and 14 of 14 on extra points.

Interceptions by Dema-



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Riley Cooper (14) catches a 63-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nick Foles past Oakland Raiders cornerback D.J. Hayden (25) during the second quarter of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

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rio Davis and Antonio Saints running back Chris Cromartie highlighted Ivory rushed for 139 yards New York's solid defensive and a touchdown. performance, and former New Orleans (6-2) got two

touchdown catches from Jimmy Graham, giving him 10 this season.

COWBOYS 27, VIKINGS 23 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo threw for 337 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score to Dwayne Harris with 35 seconds left, and the Cowboys beat the Vikings.

Romo's 7-yard pass to Harris answered an 11-yard touchdown by Adrian Peterson that had given Minnesota a 23-20 lead. The East Texas kid raised on the Cowboys (5-4) had 140 yards rushing in his first game at their \$1.2 billion stadium. Christian Ponder threw for a touchdown and ran for another score against his hometown team, but it wasn't enough to avoid a fourth straight loss for the Vikings (1-7).

Jason Witten had eight catches for 102 yards and a TD for Dallas.

PANTHERS 34, FALCONS 10 CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Cam Newton threw for one touchdown and ran

for another to overcome a shaky start, the defense intercepted Matt Ryan three times and Carolina beat the Falcons for its fourth straight victory.

Newton had two first half interceptions and wasn't sharp on his deep balls, regularly overthrowing his receivers. Yet he bounced back to throw for 249 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown pass to tight end Greg Olsen. He also ran for an 8-yard touchdown for the Panthers (5-3).

Fullback Mike Tolbert scored his fifth touchdown in the last four games on a 4-yard burst and cornerback Drayton Florence intercepted Ryan and returned it 38 yards for a score to seal the win.

Ryan was 20 of 27 for 219 yards.

The Falcons (2-6) continued to struggle without Julio Jones and Roddy White. Tony Gonzalez had six catches for 81 yards and a touchdown but the Falcons were held to 78 yards rushing. □

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Johnson takes Cup lead with dominating Texas win

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jimmie Johnson led 255 of 334 laps for a dominating victory Sunday that put the five-time champion back in the Chase for the Sprint Cup lead with two races remaining.

Johnson and Matt Kenseth arrived at Texas Motor Speedway level on points, though Kenseth was the leader based on his seven wins.

Johnson got his sixth victory this season, becoming only the second three-time Cup winner at Texas.

The No. 48 Hendrick Chevrolet team takes a seven-point lead to Phoenix next week.

"I've been watching a lot of MMA fighting lately, and you'll fall into a rhythm and think that somebody's got a fight won, and it doesn't end that way," Johnson said. "It's how this is going to be. Matt didn't have maybe the best day, but he still finished fourth. This thing is going to the last lap at Homestead. It's going to come down to mistake."

Kenseth was running second behind Johnson for much of the first half of the race before getting penalized for speeding. That dropped Kenseth to 16th place and more than 28 seconds back, though the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota recovered to finish fourth.

"We were just being too aggressive. Honestly, the 48 had us ... they were just dominant all weekend," Kenseth said. "That speeding penalty got us behind." Johnson got his 66th career victory, and has a record 24 Chase victories.

Last November, Johnson

also left the Lone Star State with a seven-point lead. Brad Keselowski overcame that the last two races to give Roger Penske his first Cup championship.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. had his fifth runner-up finish of the season, rolling across the line more than 4 seconds after his Hendrick teammate. Earnhardt has finished in the top 10 of all but one of the eight Chase races so far, but has still gone 55 races since he has won. Joey Logano finished third ahead of Kenseth.

At Phoenix, where the Chase goes next Sunday, Johnson is a four-time winner and finished second. His average finishing spot of 6.4 there is significantly better than the 17.2 for Kenseth, who had one victory at Phoenix and finished seventh there eight months ago.

Kenseth was running second just past the midway point at the high-banked 1½-mile Texas track when Johnson pulled down pit road, a lap before Kenseth came in as the last to pit on a cycle of green-flag stops. But Kenseth was caught speeding on pit road and had to serve a drive-through penalty. By time he got back on the track, he was the last car on the lead lap and about 25 seconds further behind than he had been before the two had pitted on consecutive laps. There was a caution a few laps later that got Kenseth up three spots, and more importantly tightened up the field.

Within a few laps after the ensuring restart, Kenseth was back in the top 10 and within 8 seconds of Johnson.

By then, Kyle Busch had



Jimmie Johnson (48) celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

Associated Press

moved back into second, the same spot he had been before a right front tire went down and he went high to scrap in the wall on lap 57 to bring out a caution. Busch, who won the spring race in Texas, finished 13th.

When Busch went into the wall, he was between Johnson and Kenseth, who were 1-2 going into pit road. The

top two Chase contenders didn't exit that way.

While Johnson had a quick stop, he was second out behind polesitter Carl Edwards, who had the stall closest to the scoring line. Kenseth has an issue on his stop that dropped him to sixth.

Four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon was in contention for another cham-

pionship after his win a week earlier at Martinsville moved him up to a season-high third in points.

But on lap 74, the front left tire on the No. 24 Chevrolet blew, sending Gordon high and hard into the wall between the first and second turns. His team took a long time to make repairs and he was able to return to the race late, finishing 38th. □

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Johnson pulls away for 1st World Golf Championship

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — It only took four holes over two days for Dustin Johnson to lose a six-shot lead in the HSBC Champions. Though all that mattered was the high-powered kick down the stretch Sunday at Sheshan International that brought him the biggest win of his career. In what felt like the end of a long year and beginning of a new season, Johnson broke loose from a three-way battle on the back nine by playing a five-hole stretch in 5-under par. He closed with a 6-under 66 for a three-shot win over Ian Poulter to capture his first World Golf Championship title.

"It's the biggest win I've had in my career so far," he said. "Those guys put a lot of pressure on me. I'm really proud of the way I handled myself." This one required a little bit of everything.

One shot behind with six holes to play, he smashed his drive over the corner of a dogleg on the 13th hole that left him a short wedge into 5 feet for birdie to catch Poulter. Right when it looked as though he would fall behind again, Johnson holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the next hole.

It was a pitch-in for eagle that effectively won the tournament.

With a one-shot lead playing the par-4 16th, Johnson hit a 3-iron about 25 yards short of the green with a front pin. The pitch was perfect, rolling into the cup like it was a putt. Johnson raised his left hand and pumped his right fist. And when he waved to acknowledge the Chinese fans, they instinctively waved back, as if Johnson



Dustin Johnson of the United States poses with his trophy at an award ceremony of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

were the star attraction in a parade.

That he was, and there were plenty of stars.

For most of the back nine, the top seven players on the leaderboards consisted of Johnson and half of Europe's winning Ryder Cup team from Medinah.

Poulter and Graeme McDowell, who each had a share of the lead at some point, looked capable of winning until Johnson's late heroics. Right behind them were Sergio Garcia, Justin Rose, Rory McIlroy and Martin Kaymer, all firing away with birdies on a soft course but unable to catch up.

Poulter and McDowell each closed with a 66, the same score as Johnson.

McDowell went 64-66 on the weekend without making a bogey and still lost by four. It was the start of that amazing stretch by Johnson that he recalled most

clearly.

"He trenches one 350 down the middle and has the hands to that 70-yard shot to the front pin and make the putt," McDowell said. "He's just a quality, talented, very athletic, classy player. Yeah, he makes mistakes.

But when you've got a game as good as him, you can get away with a few mistakes.

He's just got a great wedge game to go with just an outrageously good driving game."

Johnson set the tournament record at 24-under 264.

He was six shots clear Saturday afternoon when he hit his tee shot in the water for a double bogey on the par-5 18th hole. Poulter had made birdie on the 18th, so the lead was cut to three shots going into the final round. Poulter started birdie-birdie. McDowell did one

better, opening with three straight birdies. Johnson three-putted the first hole for bogey, and then failed to make birdie on the par-5 second hole even though he had a 6-iron for his second shot.

Just like that, there was a three-way tie for the lead. "The first five holes were not fun," Johnson said. "I wasn't having too much fun at the start, especially when Graeme and Ian were birdieing every hole, it seemed like. But I knew I just needed to keep playing my game."

Poulter, still tied for the lead, reached the green in two with a fairway metal. Johnson missed the fairway and had to lay up, while McDowell was stuck in the thick collar on the top side of a bunker, and he did well to hit a chunk-and-run onto the green about 40 feet away. Poulter lagged to tap-in range for birdie.

McDowell's long birdie putt banged into the back of the cup and disappeared. Johnson calmly made his 20-foot birdie.

"That was a big putt there," Johnson said.

Poulter fell out of the lead with a bogey from the bunker on the 15th, and he never caught up. He at least stayed within two shots with a birdie on the 16th, but it was demoralizing to see Johnson follow his eagle with a 5-iron into 8 feet for birdie on the 17th that wrapped it up.

"A little disappointed not to put my hands back on the trophy," said Poulter, who won the HSBC Champions last year at Mission Hills. "But 15 birdies and an eagle at the weekend is some pretty good golf. Dustin finished the job. It was good golf and it was good fun to play in that group."

Garcia closed with a 63 to finish fourth, followed by Rose (68). McIlroy and Graham DeLaet each shot 69 to tie for sixth.

It was the second straight PGA Tour season that Johnson won the first tournament he played — even though it was in the same year. His last win was the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua in January. This is the first time the tour has gone to a wraparound season, which began a month ago.

Johnson now has won in each of his first seven seasons on the PGA Tour, the most by any player since Woods in his first 14 seasons through 2009. The next step is to win a major, and he already has had plenty of chances in those.

"You know what?" Johnson said. "If I play like I did this week, I'm going to win one, for sure." □

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Djokovic beats Ferrer in Paris Masters final

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PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic won the last four games in each set to beat defending champion David Ferrer 7-5, 7-5 Sunday in the final of the Paris Masters.

The second-seeded Serb won his 17th straight match to capture his sixth title this season and the 40th of his career.

"Summer was up and down," Djokovic said, "and now again I'm playing on a very high level and have lots of confidence in myself, in my game. I'm at a good spot at this moment." Ferrer led 5-3 in each set, but Djokovic came back both times and clinched the victory when the Spaniard sent a forehand into the net.

Djokovic, who still has a slim chance to finish the season ahead of No. 1 Rafael Nadal in the rankings, hit 34 winners to 15 for Ferrer and won 15 of 18 net points.

Ferrer upset Nadal in Saturday's semifinals, while Djokovic rallied from a set and a break down to beat Roger Federer.

Ferrer troubled Djokovic early in the match with his

deep groundstrokes, and hit a backhand drop shot to break for a 3-2 lead. But Djokovic, a 2009 Paris Masters champion, started playing more aggressively, and broke back in the 10th game with a forehand winner down the line.

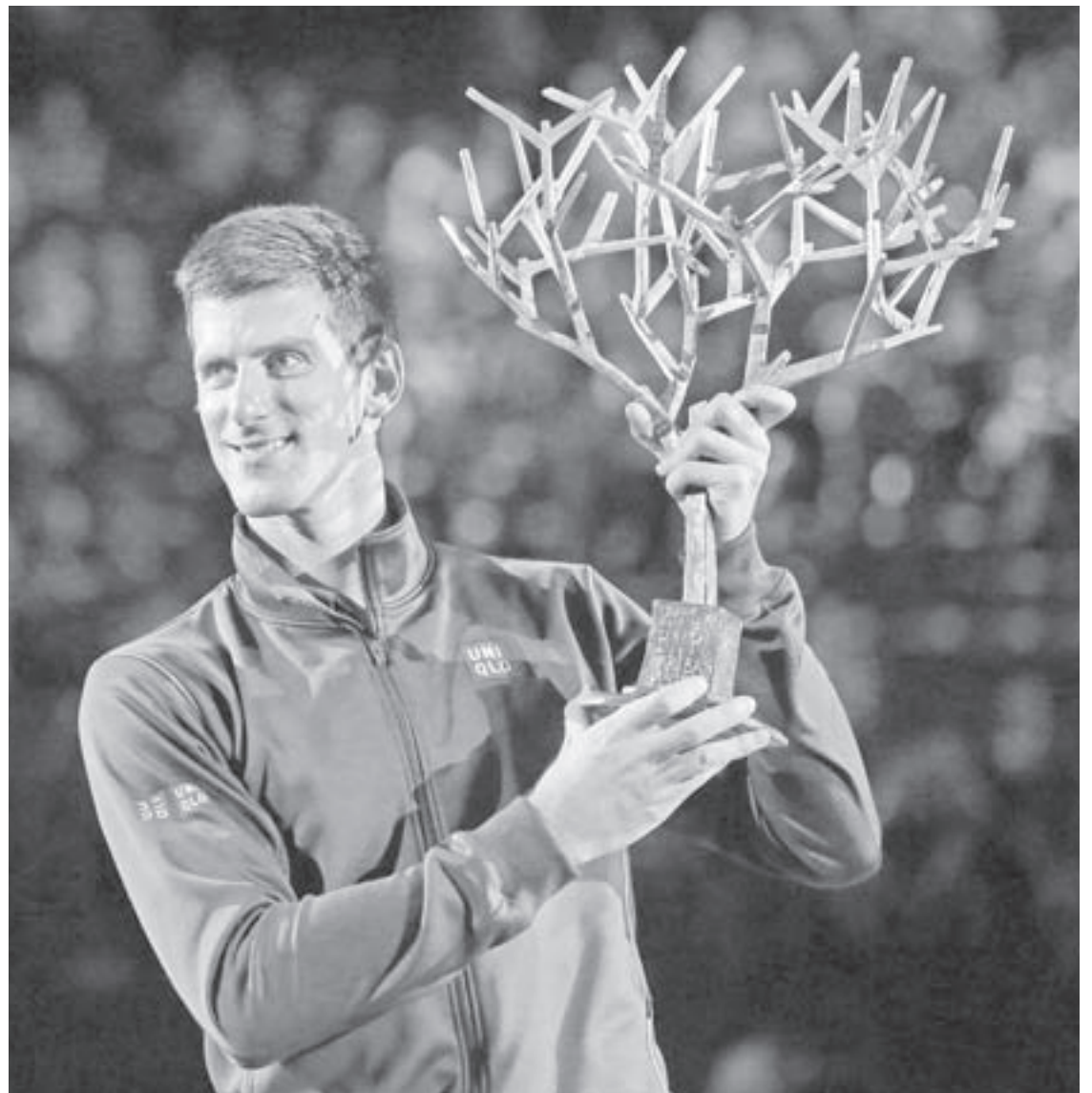
The Australian Open champion went a set up when Ferrer's forehand sailed long.

"The opening four or five games went really the distance, and he was the better player," Djokovic said. "He was taking the ball and running me around the court. Physically I didn't feel as good today, but in the important points, I managed to overcome the challenge. I managed to play the right shots."

Djokovic dropped his serve in the opening game of the second set and then needed to hit two straight forehand winners to save two break points at 2-0.

Despite numerous backhand errors, Djokovic kept the pressure on Ferrer, who again failed to serve out the set at 5-4.

Djokovic capitalized on a long forehand from the Spaniard to break back



Serbia's Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after winning the final of the Paris Masters tennis against Spain's David Ferrer, in the Paris Bercy stadium, Sunday Nov. 3, 2013.

Associated Press

before hitting an ace for a 6-5 lead.

"With Nole, if I don't take my chance, it's impossible to beat him," Ferrer said. "In the important moments he's better than me."

Djokovic improved to 11-5 against Ferrer, who was looking to become the first player to win back-to-back Paris Masters titles.

Nadal unseated Djokovic atop the rankings by reach-

ing the final of the China Open last month. The Spaniard had the longest winning streak this year with 22 victories in a row from April to June and also from August to October. □



Halep wins Tournament of Champions final

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Simona Halep of Romania claimed the sixth title of her career by rallying to defeat Samantha Stosur of Australia 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the final of the season-ending Tournament of Champions on Sunday.

Simona Halep of Romania holds her trophy after her tennis victory against Samantha Stosur of Australia on the final of the WTA Tournament of the Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

The top-seeded Halep, who went unbeaten through the group stage, played with a muscle strain in her left leg but still managed to win the last five games of the third set to close out the victory. Halep won 20 of the last 26 points,

finishing it off with a forehand winner down the line. Halep enjoyed a majority of the crowd support, with a large contingent of supporters from neighboring Romania.

"I want to thank all my supporters here, who came to support me and helped me win the title," Halep said. Halep repeatedly moved Stosur into the corners and finished off several points

with perfect shots down the line.

"It was a tough match, Simona was too good today," Stosur said. "I want to congratulate her. For me, it's time to get some rest."

By winning six trophies this year, Halep is second only to Serena Williams, who won 11. The Romanian is expected to rise to No. 11 when the WTA rankings are updated on Monday. □

Opening Bell: The dangers of a market melt-up

JEFF SOMMER

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Investors aren't worrying much about the stock market, and that worries Edward Yardeni.

It's not that Yardeni, an independent economist and strategist, has a gloomy outlook on the market himself. To the contrary, he's been generally optimistic about the prospects for stocks for about five years, and he remains so.

"We're in a bull market, and I think it can continue for the next few years," he said in an interview last week. But what's striking about his perspective is that while he remains a steadfast market bull, he finds himself increasingly preoccupied by a cloud on the horizon: the growing complacency of his fellow investors.

They keep bidding prices higher and higher, with a speed and consistency that troubles him. In a word, he is worried that we may hurtling into a trajectory that cannot be sustained - what he calls a market "melt-up."

"The bull market would be more sustainable if investors fretted about all sorts of possible bearish problems," he said.

The economy isn't all that strong, for example, and it might be much weaker if the Federal Reserve were not holding interest rates artificially low and buying bonds at a relentless pace. The Fed decided Wednesday to continue its easy monetary policy, but it will



Though a steadfast market bull, Edward Yardeni, a strategist and independent economist, worries about investors' nonchalant attitude toward ever-rising stocks.

(Minh Uong/The New York Times)

have to tighten up eventually, perhaps causing stresses in the markets.

People aren't worrying nearly enough about such things for his taste.

"That," he said, "is making me a little bit nervous."

Of course, the market is not in perpetual upward motion; it fluctuates daily. After reaching a high Tuesday, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index dropped Wednesday, dipped slight-

ly Thursday and rose Friday. But whether the news has been good or bad, investors have remained remarkably unruffled - and stock prices have trended higher, without a major break, for a very long time. Based on valuations like the price-to-earnings ratio, we're not in a full-blown asset bubble at the moment, in Yardeni's view. Corporate earnings have increased steadily, and

he contends that they will keep doing so, providing the foundation for a rise in the stock market for some time.

But he says there is now a significant danger that excessive exuberance could threaten the market's climb.

"I expect the market to rise," he said. "But I'm worried that it could just go through the roof. If it does that, we could have a nasty correction afterward, maybe a bear market, and that could cause serious problems for the economy."

After all, there hasn't been a significant market correction - defined as a drop in average share prices of more than 10 percent - since a 19.4 percent decline in the S&P 500 in 2011. (After stock prices drop 20 percent, a correction becomes a bear market, in Wall Street parlance.)

And since the start of 2012, the market has never been in negative territory for a calendar year. Since the market nadir in March 2009, the S&P 500 has already returned more than 180 percent, including dividends. Under conditions like that, it's been hard not to make money, if you've been wise or lucky enough to have had money in the stock market.

There are many signs that people are no longer worrying all that much about the possibility of another market meltdown, of the kind that occurred in 2008, when the S&P 500 returned

a negative 37 percent, dividends included. A global financial crisis and recession brought the economy to a perilous state back then, but for several years now, the Fed and other central banks have been flooding the world with liquidity.

In its meeting last week, the Fed again delayed carrying out an exit strategy, or taper, from its bond-buying program known as quantitative easing. Janet L. Yellen, the Fed's current vice chairwoman, has been nominated to succeed Ben S. Bernanke at the helm, and she will have to deal with some delicate issues for the markets.

Short-term interest rates remain extraordinarily low, and with the debt-ceiling crisis and partial government shutdown already fading into the past, medium-and longer-term rates have receded, too. These ultralow rates have made equity prices a bargain, at least in comparison with bonds, according to most financial models.

As the Fed's balance sheet has swelled - it is heading toward \$4 trillion, according to a new Fed study, up from \$800 billion before the financial crisis - the stock market has risen, and many investors have noticed the correlation. While there is still plenty of money on the sidelines, many investors are responding enthusiastically now - excessively so, in Yardeni's view.

One widely followed gauge of market sentiment, the Investors Intelligence Bull/Bear Ratio, soared last week to 3.19 from 1.96 two weeks earlier. (The percentage of market bears fell to 16.5 percent, the lowest since May 2011.) Ratios of 3.0 or higher have often signaled the onset of corrections or bear markets.

Yardeni isn't the only long-time bull to note the possibility of a melt-up. Laszlo Birinyi, an independent strategist based in Westport, Conn., did so in his current newsletter, called *Reminiscences*. □

Reports: Barclays bank suspends 6 in rigging probe

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LONDON (AP) — Barclays bank has suspended six traders amid an investigation into whether international currency markets were rigged, the BBC, the Financial Times and other outlets reported this weekend.

Barclays, Britain's second-largest bank, revealed on Wednesday that it was the subject of an investigation by regulators in Britain and

other countries over "possible attempts to manipulate certain benchmark currency exchange rates."

The bank said it was "reviewing its foreign exchange trading covering a several year period through August 2013 and is cooperating with the relevant authorities."

Barclays spokeswoman Aurelie Leonard declined to comment Saturday on reports that traders had been suspended.

Other banks including JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup and Switzerland's UBS have also said they are being investigated over currency trading, and Britain's RBS suspended two traders on Thursday in the same investigation.

The investigation is the latest bad news for Barclays, which overhauled its top management after being fined \$453 million for manipulating a key global interest rate and other

wrongdoing.

The international currency-trading investigation has echoes of inquiries into manipulation of the London interbank offered rate, or LIBOR, which underpins trillions of dollars in transactions around the world. The financial world was shaken when it emerged that banks — including Royal Bank of Scotland, Barclays and UBS — were submitting false data to gain market advantages. □

Carrns Column: It's autumn, time to check flexible spending accounts

ANN CARRNS

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As the end of the year approaches, it's a good time to check if you have a balance remaining in your health care flexible spending account.

The accounts, formally known as flexible spending arrangements, or FSAs, help you save money by letting you defer money pretax to pay for expenses that aren't covered by your health insurance plan, like co-payments and coinsurance, as well as dental and vision costs.

As of early this year, about 23 percent of people with private health insurance were in a family that had an FSA for medical expenses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's up from about 19 percent in 2008.

If you have a medical expense, the funds in a flexible spending account are available to you once the plan year starts; you don't have to wait until you have accumulated enough to cover a bill.

The catch has been that if you don't use all the money by the plan's annual deadline, you forfeit it. On Thursday, the Treasury Department said employers could now allow plan participants to carry over up to \$500 of health FSA balances remaining at the end of a plan year. The rollover could begin as early as this year, although employers are not required to go along.

Flexible spending accounts differ in that way - and in others - from health savings accounts, or HSAs, which let you keep all the money you contribute if you don't use it. HSAs can be used only with a high-deductible health plan and can be spent only as you accumulate the funds, not in advance.

Many flexible spending accounts have traditionally had calendar-year deadlines, requiring that the money be spent by Dec. 31. Tax rules have let companies offer an extra two-and-a-half-month grace period after Jan. 1, if they choose, giving employees until March 15 to spend the money. But given the new guidelines, you should check with your human resources office to see whether your company will allow a rollover or will continue to require you to spend the money but with a grace period.

The new rules permit either a rollover or a grace period, but not both.

Jody Dietel, compliance officer with the benefits manager WageWorks, suggests going online to your health benefits site to check your claims history, to see if there are any eligible costs that you haven't yet submitted for reimbursement.

If you do have a significant amount of money left and need to spend it, consider needs that might be eligible. Vision examinations, contact lenses, maintenance medications, blood pressure monitors and even a good first aid kit can usually qualify.

Keep in mind, however, that FSAs cannot be used for over-the-counter drugs unless you have a prescription. It may seem odd to ask your doctor for one, but it's worth it for a product you expect to take routinely - say, cough medicine for colds, or glucosamine for joint health.

Many over-the-counter items, however, don't require a prescription for reimbursement, she said, including products like sun block and contact lens cleaning solution.

Q: Where can I find a list of items eligible for reimbursement from a flexible spending account?

A: In general, items that are deductible as medical expenses on your taxes are eligible for FSA reimbursement. You can check Publication 502 from the Internal Revenue Service. □

Investing in LED bulbs catching on

DIANE CARDWELL

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Nancy Finkelmeier tried to make the switch more than a year ago. After hearing that the long life of compact fluorescent bulbs would help her avoid changing the lights in her 15-foot ceilings so often, she got rid of her traditional incandescent bulbs in favor of the new ones.

But there was a problem. "I don't like that cool blue light that it emits," said Finkelmeier, a retired nurse from Cincinnati.

retailers like Wal-Mart are jumping into the market, offering their own brands of the bulbs, often for \$10 or less.

Regulators are getting involved, too. The Environmental Protection Agency recently finished overhauling lighting standards for its Energy Star program, making it easier for more LEDs to qualify for generous discounts. And California, a leader in all things green, is going even further, with elaborate new requirements to control not just

according to the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, a trade group, with compact fluorescents making up most of the balance. Manufacturers concede that early versions of the compact fluorescents did not meet expectations for light quality and longevity. Despite advances that have improved their performance, consumers still tick off a host of complaints about the squiggly bulbs: They take time to light up, they do not dim smoothly, they don't fit with



A comparison of light given off by three 60watt-equivalent bulbs, from left: a Living Solutions compact fluorescent, a Cree LED filament and a GE incandescent. Manufacturers hope consumers are quicker to embrace the newly affordable LEDs than they were with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

So she made another switch, to bulbs using a different technology called the light-emitting diode, or LED. It's a change that regulators and manufacturers, frustrated by consumer rejection of compact fluorescents, hope others will make as well, especially the millions who have stuck with their energy-guzzling traditional incandescent bulbs, even hoarding them as stricter efficiency standards phase out most of them.

For several years, manufacturers have been making LED lights that increasingly mimic incandescents, while steadily bringing down their prices. Big-box

how much electricity the bulbs use but how the light feels.

"We want a lamp that people fall in love with," said Gary Flamm, supervisor of the building standards development unit at the California Energy Commission, adding that with compact fluorescents the push toward low prices and high efficiency had sacrificed light quality. "Once they fall in love with it, they can all save significant energy over the incandescent."

Nationwide, incandescent bulbs, including newer, more efficient halogen models, accounted for roughly 75 percent of general lighting sales this year,

clip-on shades and, worst of all, they cast a harsh and unflattering light. They also contain mercury, raising concerns about breakage and disposal.

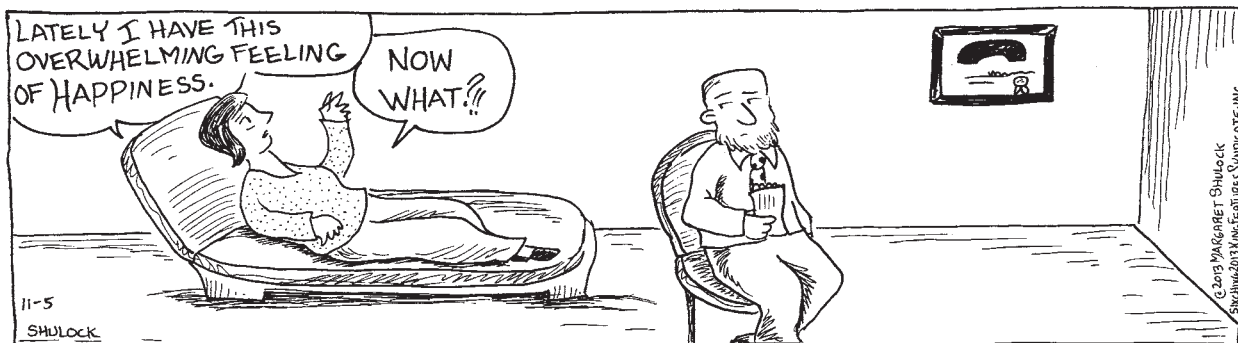
"I would, in a way, pay anything to avoid fluorescent," said Laura Stein, an artist who was picking up several different LEDs to try from a Manhattan Home Depot last week. "I can't stand them - I've always hated them and I will not use them."

Millions of consumers have come to the same conclusion, even though compact fluorescent bulbs use about 75 percent less electricity than standard incandescents. □

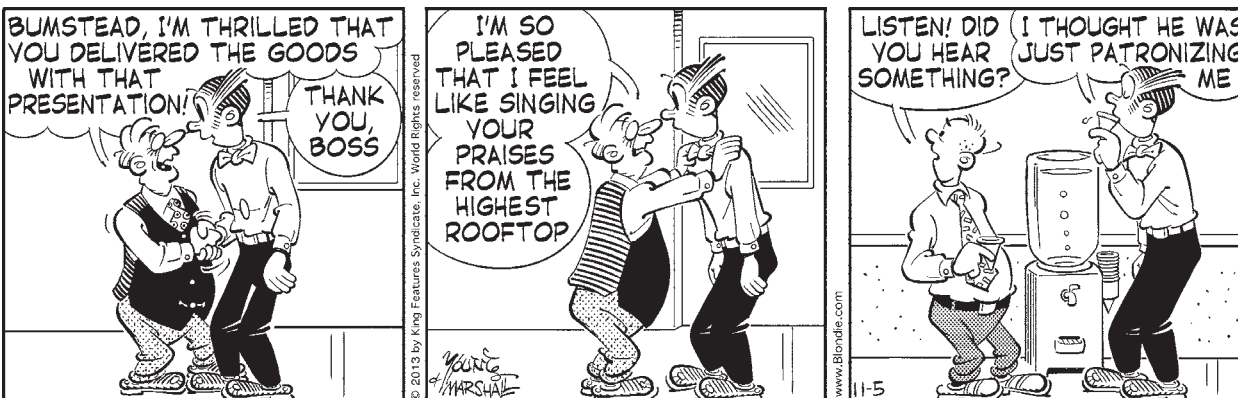
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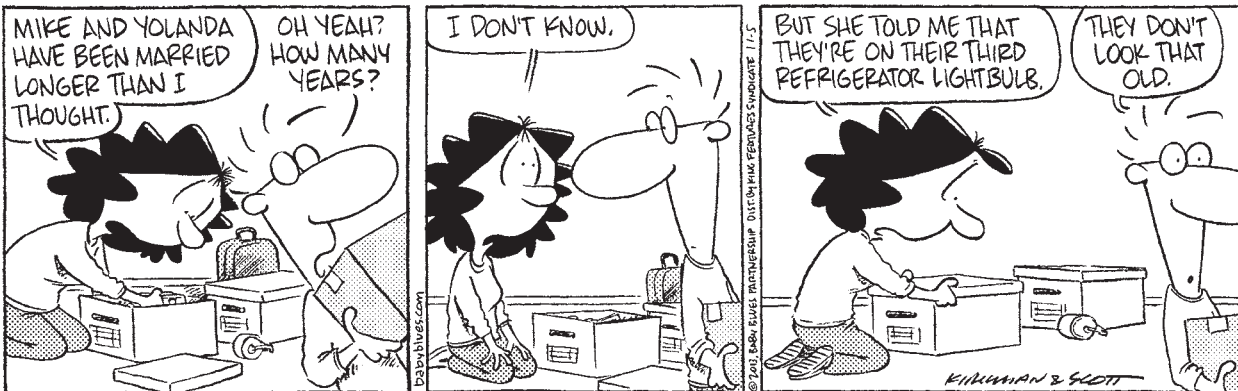
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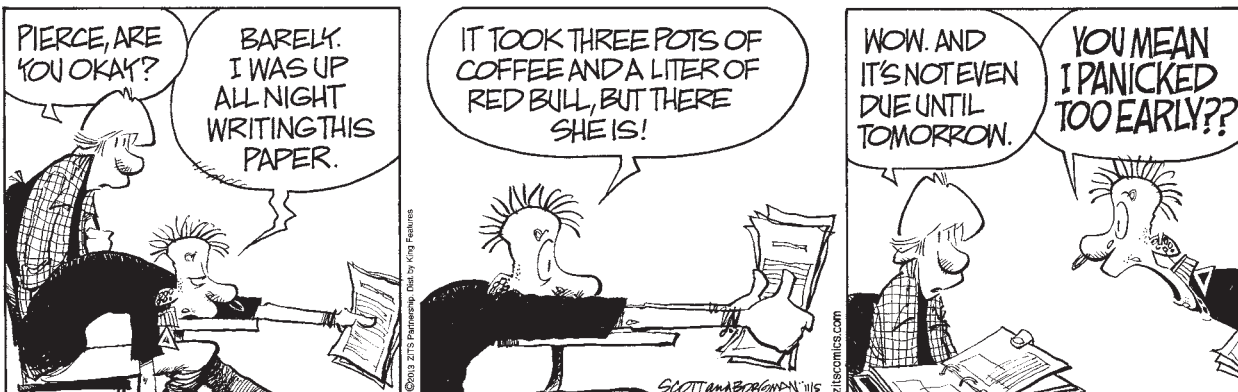
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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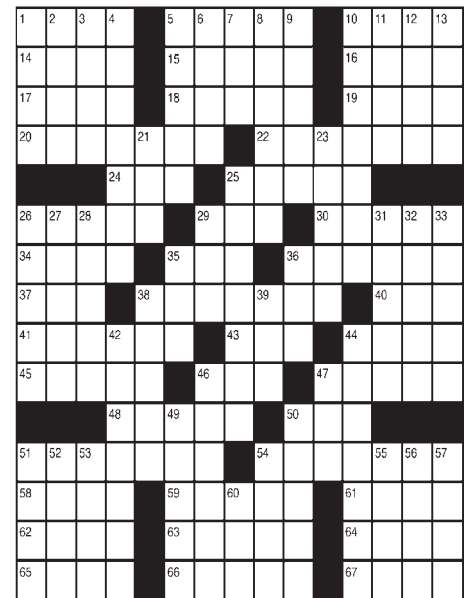
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- Attempt
- Part of a daisy
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- Extend the arm
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- Biblical book
- Galloped
- Moscow native
- Golfer Ernie
- Not guided by ethics
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- Commander of a ship; abbr.
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- Female deer
- Nov. 5
- Forest home
- Large snake
- Not just a few
- Estimates
- Floored
- Cavalry sword
- African nation
- Cowboy Autry
- Articles
- Thus
- ___ and crafts
- Minimum
- Take a nap

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- Acronym that means "Pronto"
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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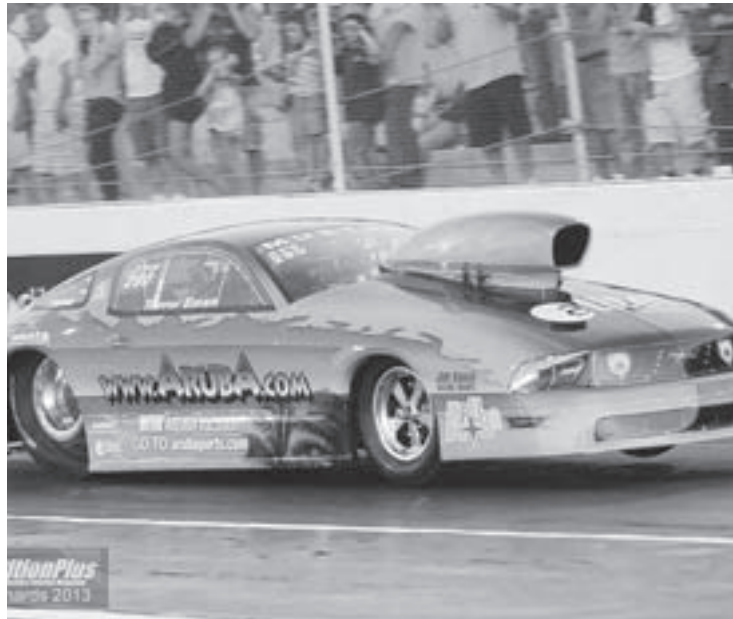
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- Erupt
- Long tale
- Pitcher
- Air opening
- Jewels
- Miffed
- Fragile edibles
- Ashy residue
- Actress Arthur

A Year To Remember For Team Aruba

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Norbert and Jeff do the filming and pictures at the races and keep our Facebook page up to date, as well as upload videos and short movies of Team Aruba on the road. Without their support our fanbase and popularity in Aruba would not be a wonderful as it is." Not only did Eman have an exciting year on the track, but off as well. He graduated from school in Florida, moved back home to Aruba and began working in the family business. Then in July, he married longtime girlfriend, Nicole. Despite this host of changes, Eman kept his focus throughout the season and when it came time for the ADRL World Finals, Team Aruba maintained a mathematical chance at winning the Championship. "It felt really good to start the year off so well and to continue going rounds at most races," Eman continued. "It kept us in the points battle right up until the very last round of the year. It was a big year for us for many reasons. Personally, I had a very busy year. Moving back home made the travel distances longer and also made it more difficult to leave work. Thankfully, we have good guys who keep things running at the shop while we're gone. We couldn't do this without them and especially without our crew at the track. "Our team did a phenomenal job all year. We have great chemistry. My dad is an excellent team leader. No matter how frustrating things can get, he's always ready to continue. Bobby takes care of everything when we're away. John Peterson can do it all. He's my right hand guy on the car and will work on anything we ask him to. Pat Norcia of RAM Clutches, Doug Schrieffer with Braswell Carburetors and Greg Brown with Kaase Racing Engines all came on board with us this year and did a phenomenal job in keeping the car in line. They really helped us step up to the next level. These guys, along with our Kaase en-



gine power gave our Jerry Haas Mustang all it needed to be competitive with the top Pro Stocks in the nation and chase the Championship. "I want to congratulate the ADRL on a job well done. Not only did we battle on the track, but there was another battle of sorts going on - a battle of where to race," Eman added, alluding to the X-DRL racing series. "The ADRL hung it out and gave us a secure place to race. Our team especially appreciates their efforts because we have to travel so far to each event. We need to be confident in our racing organization and we are. Everything went smoothly this year. The Traction Twins did a great job. They were always up before anyone else and worked late. They don't get enough credit for all they do. Overall, the ADRL had a great season, giving us every reason to look forward to next year. "I also want to thank each participating ADRL track. It feels good to have reputable facilities believe in our classes and the ADRL program." After all was said and done for the 2013 season, Team Aruba ended with a very re-

spectable top five finish in ADRL Extreme Pro Stock points. "That we finished fifth in points and yet had a chance at the Championship up until the second round of the final event goes to show just how tight the XPS field was. We certainly would have loved to win the Championship, but we feel we ended the year very well. We ran a 4.02 at the World Finals, which was our best elapsed time to date and makes us the fastest naturally aspirated Ford in the country. We're proud of that accomplishment and can't wait to continue building on our successes for next season." The team is looking to make very few changes in the off season, choosing to continue using the formula that led to so much success this season in 2014. "We're wrapping up our year now and putting this Ford in a short hibernation, but we're already busy with plans for next year. We'll keep the same car, motor and team in tact. We have a combination that works well and we want to keep moving forward. The biggest change for us may be a new trailer. □

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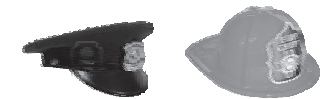
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Report: Warming likely to make bad things worse



SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Many of the ills of the modern world — starvation, poverty, flooding, heat waves, droughts, war and disease — are likely to worsen as the world warms from man-made climate change, a leaked draft of an international scientific report forecasts.

The report uses the word “exacerbate” repeatedly to describe warming’s effect on poverty, lack of water, disease and even the causes of war.

The Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will issue a report next March on how global warming is already affecting the way people live and what will happen in the future, including a worldwide drop in income. A leaked copy of a draft of the summary of the report appeared online Friday on a climate skeptic’s website. Governments will spend the next few months making comments about the draft.

“We’ve seen a lot of impacts and they’ve had consequences,” Carnegie Institution climate scientist Chris Field, who heads the report, told The Associated Press on Saturday. “And we will see more in the future.”

Cities, where most of the world now lives, have the

highest vulnerability, as do the globe’s poorest people.

“Throughout the 21st century, climate change impacts will slow down eco-

This Aug. 24, 2013 file photo shows firefighter John Curtis, of Big Bear, Calif., watching the Rim Fire burn near Yosemite National Park, Calif. Starvation, poverty, flooding, heat waves, droughts, war and disease already lead to human tragedies.

Associated Press

nomic growth and poverty reduction, further erode food security and trigger new poverty traps, the latter particularly in urban areas and emerging hot-spots of hunger,” the report says. “Climate change will exacerbate poverty in low- and lower-middle income countries and create new poverty pockets in upper-middle to high-income countries with increasing inequality.”

For people living in poverty, the report says, “climate-related hazards constitute an additional burden.”

The report says scientists have high confidence especially in what it calls certain “key risks”:

—People dying from warming- and sea rise-related flooding, especially in big cities.

—Famine because of temperature and rain changes, especially for poorer nations.

—Farmers going broke be-

about in the report is solely due to global warming nor is climate change even the No. 1 cause, the scientists say. But a warmer world, with bursts of heavy rain and prolonged drought, will worsen some of these existing effects, they say.

For example, in disease, the report says until about 2050 “climate change will impact human health mainly by exacerbating health problems that already exist” and then it will lead to worse health compared to a future with no further warming.

If emissions of carbon dioxide from the burning of coal, oil and gas contin-

er than now, it could lead to worldwide economic losses between 0.2 and 2.0 percent of income.

One of the more controversial sections of the report involves climate change and war.

“Climate change indirectly increases risks from violent conflict in the form of civil war, intergroup violence and violent protests by exacerbating well-established drivers of these conflicts such as poverty and economic shocks,” the report says.

Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn’t part of the international study team, told the AP that the report’s summary confirms what researchers have known for a long time: “Climate change threatens our health, land, food and water security.”

The summary went through each continent detailing risks and possible ways that countries can adapt to them. For North America, the highest risks over the long term are from wildfires, heat waves and flooding. Water — too much and too little — and heat are the biggest risks for Europe, South America and Asia, with South America and Asia having to deal with drought-related food shortages. Africa gets those risks and more: starvation, pests and disease. Australia and New Zealand get the unique risk of losing their coral reef ecosystems, and small island nations have to be worried about being inundated by rising seas. Field said experts paint a dramatic contrast of possible futures, but because countries can lessen some of the harms through reduced fossil fuel emissions and systems to cope with other changes, he said he doesn’t find working on the report depressing.

“The reason I’m not depressed is because I see the difference between a world in which we don’t do anything and a world in which we try hard to get our arms around the problem,” he said. □



cause of lack of water.
—Infrastructure failures because of extreme weather.
—Dangerous and deadly heat waves worsening.
—Certain land and marine ecosystems failing.
“Human interface with the climate system is occurring and climate change poses risks for human and natural systems,” the 29-page summary says.
None of the harms talked

ue at current trajectories, “the combination of high temperature and humidity in some areas for parts of the year will compromise normal human activities including growing food or working outdoors,” the report says.

Scientists say the global economy may continue to grow, but once the global temperature hits about 3 degrees Fahrenheit warm-

'Ender's Game' blasts to top of weekend box office

JESSICA HERNDON

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Weekend moviegoers chose science-fiction over slapstick. "Ender's Game" scored the No. 1 slot at the weekend box office, earning \$28 million in its opening weekend and sending "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa" into second place, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Lionsgate's adaptation earned an additional \$2 million in five international territories.

Based on the novel by Orson Scott Card, "Ender's Game" stars Asa Butterfield and Harrison Ford as intergalactic soldiers.

Comments made by Card

expressing opposition to gay marriage led some to call for a boycott of the film. But a strong first-place opening met the studio's pre-weekend expectations.

However, ticket sales didn't come close to the opening weekends of other young-adult science-fiction adaptations such as "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games." It did fare better than "Beautiful Creatures" and "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones."

"'Ender's Game' is a big budget movie that could be the start of a franchise," said box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Rentrak.

"This time of year is not exactly a hotbed of million-



This image released by Summit Entertainment shows Asa Butterfield, left, and Harrison Ford in a scene from "Ender's Game."

Paula Abdul connects to Jewish roots in Israel

DAVID MAC DOUGALL

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Paula Abdul, an award-winning singer, dancer, choreographer and TV personality, can add a new title to her resume: religious pilgrim.

The former "American Idol" and "The X-Factor" judge is on her first trip to Israel, where she is connecting to her Jewish roots and planning on holding a belated Bat Mitzvah — the Jewish coming of age ceremony girls typically have at age 12 or 13.

"Beyond being Jewish, I've always found myself to be very much in tune with spirituality," the 51-year-old Abdul told The Associated Press. "I feel very grateful coming to Israel now, where as a woman I know who I am a lot more than even 10 years ago."

An official guest of Israel's ministry of tourism, Abdul has been touring the country and visiting holy sites, museums and markets in Jerusalem. Israeli President Shimon Peres also hosted the former Lakers Girl.

Abdul said the trip has provided her a rare opportunity to experience the country like a "regular tourist" without the nonstop schedule of a concert tour. "I've traveled the world touring and things like that but I don't get the chance



In this Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013 photo, singer, dancer, choreographer and TV personality Paula Abdul smiles during an interview with The Associated Press in Jerusalem. She's been an award-winning singer, dancer, choreographer and TV personality.

Associated Press

to see much of wherever I'm at," she said. Abdul described the visit as "the most magnificent trip I've ever taken ... magical and emotional."

After a music career that saw her have six No. 1 singles in the late '80s and early '90s, Abdul reinvented herself as quirky judge of talent on "American Idol." She left "Idol" in 2009 after eight seasons over a contract dispute. She later had one season as a judge on the U.S. version of "The X-Factor." She'll appear next year as a judge on Australia's version of "So You Think You Can Dance."

These days though, Abdul describes herself "a fan of talent." She also said she tries to dance as much as

she can.

"I dance because I have to, because I'm so passionate about it," Abdul said. However, she admits she's not a fan of twerking, the recently much-talked-about dance involving thrusting hips and a low stance adopted by U.S. singer Miley Cyrus.

"Twerking has been around for many, many years," Abdul said. She recalled that in early rap videos there were "girls bending down and twerking all over the place."

"I think when girls dance, they should be girls," Abdul said. "I don't find it the most attractive kind of dance. My Chihuahua can twerk and stick her tongue out at the same time too." □

dollar openings, but once they launch worldwide, it will do well."

A representative for Lionsgate declined to be interviewed for this story.

Paramount's candid-camera comedy starring Johnny Knoxville disguised as an old man brought in an additional \$20.5 million in its second weekend, with a domestic total reaching more than \$62 million. It also picked up \$6 million in international ticket sales.

Other films opening this weekend didn't generate as much enthusiasm.

CBS Films' "Last Vegas," featuring an all-star cast of silver screen veterans including Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline, opened in third place, with \$16.5 million.

"It's interesting to see the number of stars that are not in their 20s in the top films," Dergarabedian said. "'Ender's Game' has Harrison Ford and Viola Davis, and 'Last Vegas' is like a 'Hangover' for the older crowd. Sandra Bullock and George Clooney (in 'Gravity') appeal to an older audience, and '12 Years a Slave,' which continues to impress as it expands into more and more theaters, is a very sophisticated drama."

Relativity Media's 3-D animated kiddie flick "Free Birds," with characters

voiced by Owen Wilson, Woody Harrelson and Amy Poehler, debuted in the fourth spot, with \$16.2 million.

After its fifth weekend at the box office, the Warner Bros. 3-D stunner "Gravity" is still holding in the fifth position. It banked \$13.1 million over the weekend, bringing its domestic total to \$220 million. Internationally, it gained \$27.1 million. Considered an Oscar contender, "12 Years a Slave" earned \$4.6 million at No. 7 in its third weekend.

Overseas, Disney's "Thor: The Dark World" earned an impressive \$109.4 million in its first international weekend. The Marvel superhero sequel opens domestically next weekend.

With the opening of "Thor: The Dark World," Disney's cumulative international box office for 2013 has passed the studio's previous international record of \$2.303 billion, which was set in 2010. □



'Saturday Night Live' pokes fun at diversity issue

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With Kerry Washington as guest host, "Saturday Night Live" wasted no time poking fun at itself after receiving criticism for having no black women among its 16 regular cast members.

In the opening skit, the actress who stars in the TV drama "Scandal" portrayed First Lady Michelle Obama, talking with her husband about an upcoming state dinner at the White House. "Michelle, this is such a treat," said the president, impersonated by Jay Pharoah. "I feel like it's been years since I've seen you." An aide came in, saying Oprah Winfrey had arrived for the dinner and wanted to see the president. "Don't you think you should get changed?" he asked Washington. She wondered whether cast member Kenan Thompson couldn't play Winfrey; both Thompson and Pharoah have said recently they will no longer impersonate women on the NBC late-night comedy institution. Washington left the stage and returned as Winfrey. She was then asked to portray Beyonce — be-



This Oct. 29, 2013 photo released by NBC shows actress Kerry Washington, right, with cast member Taran Killam during a promotional shoot for "Saturday Night Live," in New York. Washington will host the late night comedy sketch series on Nov. 2.

fore show producer Steve Higgins interrupted with a voiceover. Higgins said producers would like to apologize to Washington for the number of black women she would be asked to play in the show.

"We make this request both because Ms. Washington is an actress of considerable range and talent, and also because 'Saturday Night Live' does not currently have a black woman in the cast," he said. "We

agree this is not an ideal situation and look forward to rectifying it in the future — unless, of course, we fall in love with another white guy first." The show has had four black women among its

regular cast since coming on the air in 1975 with the last one, biracial Maya Rudolph, leaving in 2007. Both Pharoah and Thompson have recently addressed the situation in interviews, with Pharoah even lobbying for a specific comic to be added — Darmirra Brunson of the OWN cable TV sitcom "Love Thy Neighbor."

To drive the point home in the skit, the presidential aide announced that six different Matthew McConaugheys were there to attend the state dinner — and six different white male cast members trooped in dressed as the actor.

Then the Rev. Al Sharpton, a civil rights activist, appeared on the stage.

"What have we learned from this sketch?" Sharpton said. "As usual, nothing."

During the show, Washington portrayed a gum-chewing assistant to a career counselor, a political science professor discussing her unwavering support for Obama, Miss Uganda in a beauty pageant, a game show host, a teacher at the dunk tank in a school carnival, and an 18-year-old contestant in an MTV dating game. □

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Burns explores Roosevelt legacy in new documentary

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WARM SPRINGS, Georgia (AP) — Filmmaker Ken Burns says he wants to tell the story of the Roosevelts, their strengths and failures, in an upcoming documentary on one of America's most famous political families.

Burns, acclaimed for his documentaries on the Civil War, jazz and World War II, previewed on Saturday part of the 14-hour series that will air next year.

Burns' film explores the political and family ties between President Theodore Roosevelt and President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor.

The Roosevelts lived and

governed during a time of enormous change in the U.S., including the country's emergence as a world power, the Great Depression, World War II and the civil rights struggle.

Burns said the Roosevelt political legacy remains relevant now as U.S. leaders debate how big the federal government should be. All three Roosevelts backed an expanded role for the central government.

The political populism of Theodore Roosevelt in the early 1900s — for example, his anti-monopoly stances and efforts to improve food safety — arguably found a new expression in the politics championed by

Franklin Roosevelt to alleviate the suffering inflicted by the Great Depression in the 1930s. The film follows Eleanor Roosevelt as she emerged from her role as first lady after Roosevelt's death and led the United Nations as it drafted an international charter of human rights. The film also shows the leaders' flaws. Theodore Roosevelt encouraged a rebellion in Panama so the United States could secure the land needed for the Panama Canal. Franklin Roosevelt was unfaithful to Eleanor. Tweed Roosevelt, the great-grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, said he was supportive of Burns'



Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns walks through the museum at the Georgia home used by former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, in Warm Springs, Ga. Burns along with several members of the Roosevelt family toured the home known as the Little White House Saturday used by Roosevelt as Burns previewed parts of his 14-hour film on the Roosevelt's.

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work but could not judge the documentary since he had not seen all of it. Theodore Roosevelt's life and work is also being ex-

plored in a new book out this month by one of the most famous living U.S. historians, Doris Kearns Goodwin. □

War On The Poor



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John Kasich, the Republican governor of Ohio, has done some surprising things lately. First, he did an end run around his state's Legislature - controlled by his own party - to proceed with the federally funded expansion of Medicaid that is an important piece of Obamacare. Then, defending his action, he let loose on his political allies, declaring, "I'm concerned about the fact there seems to be a war on the poor."

That, if you're poor, somehow you're shiftless and lazy."

Obviously Kasich isn't the first to make this observation. But the fact that it's coming from a Republican in good standing (although maybe not anymore), indeed someone who used to be known as a conservative firebrand, is telling. Republican hostility toward the poor and unfortunate has now reached such a fever pitch that the party doesn't really stand for anything else - and only willfully blind observers can fail to see that reality.

The big question is why. But, first, let's talk a bit more about what's eating the right.

I still sometimes see pundits claiming that the tea party movement is basically driven by concerns about budget deficits. That's delusional.

Read the founding rant by Rick Santelli of CNBC: There's nary a mention of deficits. Instead, it's a tirade against the possibility that the government might help "losers" avoid foreclosure. Or read transcripts from Rush Limbaugh or other right-wing talk radio hosts. There's not much about fiscal responsibility, but there's a lot about how the government is rewarding the lazy and undeserving.

Republicans in leadership positions try to modulate their language a bit, but it's a matter more of tone than substance. They're still clearly passionate about making sure that the poor and unlucky get as little help as possible, that - as Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, put it - the safety net is becoming "a hammock that lulls able-bodied people to lives of dependency and complacency."

And Ryan's budget proposals involve savage cuts in safety-net programs such as food stamps and Medicaid.

All of this hostility to the poor has culminated in the truly astonishing refusal of many states to participate in the Medicaid expansion.

Bear in mind that the federal government would pay for this expansion and that the money thus spent would benefit hospitals and the local economy as well as the direct recipients. But a majority of Republican-controlled state governments are, it turns out, willing to pay a large economic and fiscal price in order to ensure that aid doesn't reach the poor.

The thing is, it wasn't always this way. Go back for a moment to 1936, when Alf Landon received the Republican nomination for president. In many ways, Landon's acceptance speech previewed themes taken up by modern conservatives. He lamented the incompleteness of economic recovery and the persistence of high unemployment, and he attributed the economy's lingering weakness to excessive government intervention and the uncertainty he claimed it created.

But he also said this: "Out of this Depression has come, not only the problem of recovery but also the equally grave problem of caring for the unemployed until recovery is attained. Their relief at all times is a matter of plain duty."

We of our Party pledge that this obligation will never be neglected."

Can you imagine a modern Republican nominee saying such a thing? Not in a party committed to the view that unemployed workers have it too easy, that they're so coddled by unemployment insurance and food stamps that they have no incentive to go out there and get a job.

So what's this all about? One reason, sociologist Daniel Little suggested in a recent essay, is market ideology: If the market is always right, then people who end up poor must deserve to be poor. I'd add that some leading Republicans are, in their minds, acting out adolescent libertarian fantasies.

"It's as if we're living in an Ayn Rand novel right now," Paul Ryan declared in 2009.

But there's also, as Little says, the stain that won't go away: race. In a much-cited recent memo, Democracy Corps, a Democratic-leaning public opinion research organization, reported on the results of focus groups held with members of various Republican factions.

They found the Republican base "very conscious of being white in a country that is increasingly minority" - and seeing the social safety net as something that both helps Those People, not people like themselves, and binds the rising nonwhite population to the Democratic Party.

And, yes, the Medicaid expansion many states are rejecting would disproportionately have helped poor blacks.

So there is indeed a war on the poor, coinciding with and deepening the pain from a troubled economy. And that war is now the central, defining issue of American politics. □



A Journalist With A Mission



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© 2013 New York TimesRIO DE JANEIRO - A young U.S. lawyer comes to Brazil in 2005, falls in love, finds that his gay relationship confers greater legal rights than back home, starts a blog called Unclaimed Territory focusing on illegal warrantless eavesdropping by the National Security Agency, takes a place in the hills of Rio with a bunch of rescue dogs, denounces the cozy compromises of "establishment journalists," gets hired to write a column by Britain's Guardian newspaper, is sought out by the NSA whistle-blower Edward J. Snowden, becomes the main chronicler of Snowden's revelations of global American surveillance, is lionized for work that prompts a far-reaching debate on security and freedom, files repeated thunderbolts from his leafy Brazilian perch, and ends up, in just eight years, as perhaps the most famous journalist of his generation.

These things happen. At least they happen in the empowering digital age, and they happen to Glenn Greenwald. With his gray shirt, black backpack, regular features and medium build, he merges into the Rio crowd, the ordinary man. Over a Thai lunch, he tells me he is sleeping five hours a night, running on adrenaline. So what does he do to relax? "Roll around in the mud with my 10 dogs."

Unwinding is hard. The five months since he met Snowden in Hong Kong have been relentless; they talk almost every day. He lives in limbo.

"I feel like if I went back to the United States there is a more than trivial chance I would be arrested," he says. "Not one of 20 lawyers I have spoken to has said, 'Oh, you are being paranoid; of course they would never think of arresting you.'"

Would Greenwald enjoy First Amendment protection after publishing top-secret information? The record of the Obama administration is ominous. He says his lawyers are unable to get clarification. His mother in Florida asks: "What if I am on my deathbed and cannot see you?"

Greenwald lives with a sense of exile but is pesky in his determination not to relent. He has been embraced as a hero by Brazil after revealing U.S. spying on President Dilma Rousseff (who postponed a planned state visit to Washington), but he has resisted one request to hand over documents and is determined, here as elsewhere, to keep his distance from power.

He is on a double mission: to push back in the name of freedom against the post-9/11 "surveillance state" with its dragnet data trawling; and to reinvigorate journalism through "an aggressive and adversarial position to political and corporate power," an undertaking he will pursue through a new online publication backed with \$250 million from the eBay billionaire Pierre Omidyar, the same amount Jeff Bezos of Amazon paid for The Washington Post (a sobering reflection on the standing of legacy newspapers today).

On the first of these fronts, he says he is only halfway through the reporting of Snowden's documents "with a lot of huge revelations to come." On the second, explored in a recent exchange with my colleague Bill Keller that will be taught in journalism schools, he has already made about 10 hires. (He and Omidyar have never met, which must be some sort of first for such a venture.)

"Our style will be to encourage

and empower combative journalism that can be a real force against powerful people," he says. "We want our journalists to follow their passion."

He continued: "The reason why journalism is important, why it is protected in the Constitution, is to be one of the institutional checks on abuse of power, and for that you have to keep those in power at arm's length, hold them accountable."

For Greenwald, U.S. journalism has been defanged by the "patriotism compulsion" after 9/11 and by the culture of big media corporations. He alludes to David Halberstam's speech at Columbia University in 2005: "Never, never, never let them intimidate you. People are always going to try in all kinds of ways. Sheriffs, generals, presidents of universities, presidents of countries, secretaries of defense. Don't let them."

Of course, this admonition is sacred to plenty of old-school journalists. Greenwald overstates the conformity of mainstream papers, whose investigative journalism is often vigorous and fearless. But he is right that journalism got engulfed, with grave consequences, in America's great post-9/11 disorientation.

And there is no question that journalism will benefit from having the personal, open-with-bias reporting Greenwald proposes alongside the impartiality-seeking traditional media. "Biased and balanced" - the Andrew Sullivan blog formula - is an important component of the new media landscape. Each form can spur the other, keep it honest.

U.S. society will also benefit from Greenwald's ongoing revelations about out-of-control surveillance. He has testified before the Brazilian Senate, and should be allowed to testify before the U.S. Senate. He says, "I am definitely going back, I refuse to be exiled for a lie."

He deserves assurance that he can return to the United States without facing arrest. □

Tonight At Palm Beach Plaza Mall:

Aruba's Majestic Carnival Season Comes To Life!



PALM BEACH - Palm Beach Plaza Mall new majestic carnival season has started at Aruba's largest mall. The Aruba Carnival is a thrilling show of over-the-top pageantry, produced by thousands and delighting and

uniting the entire country. Here's the scoop on how it began.

Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to

have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbe-



an-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprouted here and there. Tonight at 6:30PM, Palm Beach Plaza Mall will have

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